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Waugh Lane shooting

11-year veteran of Sheriff's Office dead of apparent suicide



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Law enforcement officers secure the perimeter of an apartment building at the intersection of Waugh and Cooper lanes after a single gunshot was fired in one of the apartments Wednesday afternoon.

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

Police and firefighters blocked off part of Waugh Lane Wednesday afternoon after a Mendocino County corrections deputy died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Earlier in the day deputies had gone to Correction Deputy Eric Gore's apartment at Waugh and Cooper lanes. Gore had called the jail on Tuesday to say he was not coming in to work and had not shown up to work on Wednesday either, said Sheriff Tom Allman.

At around 1 p.m. Wednesday, Allman and several sheriff's deputies, as well as officers with the Ukiah Police Department, returned to the apartment and tried to speak with Gore, Allman said.

Gore did not open the door or answer phone calls so officers got a key from the landlord and, at around 1:14 p.m., opened the door said UPD



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at 4:52 p.m.
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Chief Chris Dewey.

Two UPD officers and a sheriff's deputy entered the apartment, identified themselves and began to search for Gore.

"At some point, as they were in the residence, a shot was fired," Dewey said.

Officers left the apartment and called for additional personnel. Firefighters from the Ukiah Fire Department used ladders to evacuate the other people living in the building. The street remained closed until 3:50 p.m. Wednesday.

Dewey said the UPD called the Sonoma County Bomb Squad in to

search the house with its robot.

"We discovered that the deputy had shot himself," Dewey said.

Allman said he didn't have details about the wound Gore had sustained, but that an autopsy could be performed as early as today.

Allman also said he didn't know whether Gore had used a service pistol. Some corrections deputies are issued handguns, others are not.

The sheriff did not want to speculate on why Gore may have chosen to kill himself.

"Law enforcement presents a variety of unusual pressures," Allman said. "We're cops, psychologists, plumbers and even coroners."

Allman said Gore had been working for the Sheriff's Office for 11 years and had worked as a deputy both in Willits and Covelo.

Last year, Gore took a "voluntary demotion" because of a personnel matter and was transferred to the jail,

Allman said.

Gore took some time off and returned to work last spring. As is standard procedure, Gore had to pass both a mental and physical evaluation before returning to work, Allman said.

"His work at the jail has been exemplary," Allman said.

Gore is the second sheriff's deputy to commit suicide in the last year. In February of 2007, Covelo Resident Deputy Brett White Sr. was found dead in his home of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. White had been with the office for 13 years and worked in several areas, including Covelo.

Gore and White were working in Covelo at around the same time. Allman said Wednesday he does not know whether the two men's deaths are connected.

"Our prayers and thoughts are with the family," he said.

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NEWS UPDATE:
DEAD MAN UNKNOWN

Aliases, forged ID hamper inquiry

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

Forged identification and a long list of aliases are complicating the search for the next of kin of the man Ukiah Police Department officers shot and killed on Saturday morning after he allegedly threatened them with a shotgun.



Ukiah Police released this photo Wednesday of the man killed last weekend on Dora St.

According to reports from the UPD, the man had been living and working in Ukiah under several names, including Saul Herman Vasquez, Saul Herman Perez, Saul Vasquez and Herman Martinez Perez, all with different birth dates.

The man was also found to be in possession of identification, including a birth certificate, but investigation indicates the identification was forged, according to police reports.

Police are asking anyone who might have known the man to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 463-4110.

Anyone who witnessed the shooting is asked to contact the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office.

According to police reports, the man tried to break into the house of his girlfriend at 495 Dora St. at around 1:40 a.m. Saturday. Earlier in the evening, he had attacked his girlfriend, punching her in the head and face, before leaving the house, police said.

The girlfriend refused to let him into the house again and called police. While on the phone, she told them he might be armed.

Officers arrived on scene and entered the front door of the house; the man was at the back door trying to break it down.

Officers identified themselves as police and told the man to stop but he broke down the door and allegedly pointed a sawed-off shotgun at the officers, according to police reports.

The officers fired at the man an unknown number of times, one with a service pistol and the other with a rifle, and the suspect fell to the ground. He was declared dead at scene by medical personnel from the Ukiah Fire Department.

The two officers involved have been placed on administrative leave per the Mendocino County Officer Involved Shooting Protocol. Their names are not being released until the investigation concludes.

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Food Bank Drive reaches \$82,000

The Daily Journal

Donations to The Ukiah Daily Journal Food Bank drive have now surpassed \$82,000, closing in on the \$85,000 goal. The most recent donations include the following recorded on Monday: \$200, Anonymous; \$200, Dennis & Pat Thygesen; \$150, Susan Hadel; \$100, Anonymous; \$100, Carl & Cynthia Sassenrath; \$100, James Crehan & Roberta Valdez; \$100 Melanie & Granville Pool; \$100, Joseph & Katherine Langstaff; \$35, Sharon & Lee Bertozzi; \$25, Joe & Gloria Strong; \$25, Rand & Joanne Peaslee; \$25, Barbara McLean; \$15, Gertrude Lynn; totaling \$1,175.

The Fund Drive total now stands at \$82,082.92. The goal for this year's drive is \$85,000. Donations may be mailed to: UDJ Food Bank Fund Drive, Ukiah Community Center, 888 N. State St., Ukiah, CA 95482.

Roundabout ceremony set

The Daily Journal

A celebration has been planned to honor the completion of the first roundabout in the history of Mendocino County.

The ceremony, which will celebrate the Hopland roundabout project at the intersection of Route 175 and Old River Road, is scheduled for 1 to 2 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Brutocao Schoolhouse Plaza in Hopland.

Key speakers are scheduled to include Charles C. Fielder, Caltrans District 1 director; Alan Escarda, Caltrans construction engineer and David Colfax, who represents the 5th District on the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

The Hopland roundabout opened Oct. 30, four days ahead of schedule.

Highway 175 is the major artery between Hopland and Kelseyville and Lakeport. Old River Road connects Hopland with Ukiah and is an alternative

to Highway 101.

According to CalTrans, some of the advantages of roundabouts are: they calm traffic, resulting in reduced speeds; they require less maintenance, making for lower operational costs; they provide a safe place for large trucks to turn around and the landscaping on the roundabout provides a more "aesthetic gateway" to the community.

According to CalTrans reports, to navigate a roundabout, drivers should keep right. To make a right turn, follow the road right to the exit. To go straight the driver should go right halfway around the intersection until reaching the opposite side of the roundabout and then continue straight. To turn left, a driver must keep right and drive three-quarters of the way around the circle until reaching the exit and continue left.

FUNERAL NOTICES

ARTHUR EDWARD VOGEL
Arthur Edward Vogel born March 22, 1915 in Greeley, Colorado to German immigrants Jacob and Katherine (Ladner) Vogel, passed away Friday evening, December 28, 2007 in Ukiah, California. He was 92 years old.
Art was predeceased by his first wife, Margaret Mary Heinen in 1992, his parents, brothers John, Jacob, and Fritz Vogel, and sister Tillie Gerth.
Art married Margaret Mary Heinen in 1937 in Wisconsin. Soon daughters Patricia and Barbara made them a family of four and they traveled by train to California. They first lived in Fresno, near his parents then later relocated to San Jose, California. Art managed a shoe store for many years and later was a tool & die maker. The family grew to six with the birth of daughter Michelle and son David.
Following retirement, Art and Marge relocated to Ukiah in 1980 to be closer to their oldest daughter and family. During their golden years, they traveled

throughout the United States in their RV including a trip to Alaska. Avid rockhounds, at least once a year they would meet Marge's brother Eddie from Florida in Quartzsite, Arizona. Art and Marge also went back to Racine, Wisconsin to visit the numerous family members still living in the area. When they weren't traveling, Art would either be playing golf, tending to the feral cats that adopted his golf cart or making jewelry with the gems he brought back from Arizona rock shows.
In 1994, Art married Mary Sylvester in a quiet ceremony in Seattle, Washington. When Art began showing signs of dementia, Mary lovingly cared for him until he moved into Rome's Care Home about one year ago. He was a member of the Ukiah Mens' Golf Club, the Elks Club, and the First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah.
Art is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Pat (Lee Enemark) of Ukiah, daughter Barbara Santora of Potter Valley, daughter Michelle (Steve Holbert) of

Newport Beach, and son David Vogel of Ukiah. Also surviving are grandchildren: Connie (Rich Morales) of McAllen, Texas; Lynn (Bob Pretzel) of Eureka; Stephanie Dwyer of Milwaukie, Oregon; Mary Enemark of Walnut Creek; Kristen (John McMenomey) of Potter Valley; Steven Enemark of Seattle; Linda Dwyer of Yorba Linda, and Carol (Jim Dauria) of Florida; great-grandchildren Jessica, Justin and Joshua Morales, Adam and Amanda Pretzel and Hannah McMenomey.
A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah on Friday, January 4th at 11am.



MAVIS CAROLYN BECKNER
A celebration of life for Mavis Carolyn Beckner of Ukiah will be held on

Saturday, January 5, 2007 at 3 pm at the Ukiah Seventh Day Adventist Church 1390 Laurel Avenue in Ukiah. Mavis passed away on Tuesday, December 25, 2007.
Born September 7, 1920 in Castlewood, South Dakota. Mavis graduated college with a Bachelor's degree in Secretarial Skills. She taught college secretarial courses for 5 years and assisted her husband in his dental practice, taking care of the office and bookkeeping duties. She volunteered at her church, school and the Community Services Center on Cherry St.
Mavis is survived by her husband of 65 1/2 years, Joseph Beckner of Ukiah, daughters Judy Hindman of Tucson, Arizona and Jan Woensner of Ukiah, sisters Bonnie Faragher of Sylmar, California and Audra Tucker of St. Helena, California, and by four grandchildren Chris and Michelle Hindman, Marlo Waters and Max Woensner.
The Eversole Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the guest book at www.ukiahdailyjournal.com. Funeral notices are paid announcements. For information on how to place a paid funeral notice or make corrections to funeral notices please call our classified department at 468-3529.

Death notices are free for Mendocino County residents. Death notices are limited to name of deceased, hometown, age, date of death, date, time, and place of services and the funeral home handling the arrangements. For information on how to place a free death notice please call our editorial department at 468-3500.

The world briefly

Justice Department opens criminal inquiry over destruction of CIA tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department opened a full criminal investigation Wednesday into the destruction of CIA interrogation videotapes, putting the politically charged probe in the hands of a mob-busting public corruption prosecutor with a reputation as being independent.
Attorney General Michael Mukasey announced that he was appointing John Durham, a federal prosecutor in Connecticut, to oversee the investigation of a case that has challenged the Bush administration's controversial handling of terrorism suspects.
The CIA acknowledged last month that in 2005 it destroyed videos of officers using tough interrogation methods while questioning two al-Qaida suspects. The acknowledgment sparked a congressional inquiry and a preliminary investigation by Justice into whether the CIA violated any laws or obstructed congressional inquiries such as the one led by the Sept. 11 Commission.
"The Department's National Security Division has recommended, and I have concluded, that there is a basis for initiating a criminal investigation of this matter, and I have taken steps to begin that investigation," Mukasey said in a statement released Wednesday.
Durham, who has served with the Justice Department for 25 years, has a reputation as one of the nation's most relentless prosecutors. He was appointed to investigate the FBI's use of mob informants in Boston, an investigation that sent former FBI agent John Connolly to prison.

Presidential campaigns fight to finish line in Iowa - tight races for both parties

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — John Edwards willed himself through a 36-hour marathon, Barack Obama dispatched canvassers onto frigid streets and Hillary Rodham Clinton hand-carried bagels and coffee to volunteers Wednesday, vying for victory in the Iowa caucuses and priceless momentum in the race for the White House. Leading Republicans exchanged routine unpleasanties on a final day of campaigning.
"You just don't know what is going to happen," confessed Mitt Romney, unwilling to forecast success over Republican rival Mike Huckabee in Thursday's first contest of the race for the White House.
Increasingly, the candidates looked beyond Iowa to the states

that quickly follow. Republican Sen. John McCain spent most of the day in New Hampshire, which holds a primary on Jan. 8, and his campaign ordered television advertising in Michigan, with a primary one week later.
But first there was Iowa, snow piled high and frozen — and an electorate warmed by the attention of Republican and Democratic hopefuls in the most wide-open presidential race in a half-century or more.
Late pre-caucus polls generally pointed toward a close three-way finish among Democrats and an unpredictable two-man struggle for the Republicans. A quarter of likely caucus-goers reported they either had not made up their minds or could still change them. That wasn't a surprise in Iowa, where 21 percent of participants in the 2004 caucuses said they had made up their minds in the final three days.

Scotland Yard will help Pakistan investigate Bhutto's assassination

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — President Pervez Musharraf announced Wednesday that Scotland Yard will help investigate the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, reversing his initial rejection of foreign help after he came under pressure to allow a U.N. probe.
Authorities also pushed back parliamentary elections until Feb. 18 — a six-week delay prompted by the rioting that followed the opposition leader's death. Opposition parties condemned the delay but still plan to take part in the elections, seen as a key step in bringing democracy to Pakistan after years of military rule.
Both developments could ease the turmoil that has gripped Pakistan since Bhutto's slaying in a gun and suicide bomb attack last Thursday, which plunged the nation deeper into political crisis as it struggles to contain an explosion of Islamic militant violence.
The government declared just one day after the attack on Bhutto that an al-Qaida-linked militant orchestrated the killing and aired video footage. But the hasty accusation only served to cast doubt over the government's account of exactly how she died.
The government has also come under sharp criticism for its security arrangements for Bhutto, who had claimed elements in the ruling party were trying to kill her.

U.S. admissions of Iraqi refugees well short of promised 1,000 a month

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. admissions of Iraqi refugees are nose-diving amid bureaucratic in-fighting despite the Bush

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POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.
ARREST -- Matthew Hamburg, age not listed, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of violating a protective order in the 700 block of West Smith Street at 10:38 a.m. Monday.
ARREST -- Gary Cooper, 38, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of inflicting injury on a spouse in the 100 block of Lorraine Street at 2:24 p.m. Monday.
ARREST -- Frank Rodriguez Jr., 57, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of violating a protective order in the 500 block of Cypress Street at 6:44 p.m. Monday.
ARREST -- William Hard, 18, of Clearlake Oaks, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence in the 600 block of North State Street at 12:16 a.m. Tuesday.
ARREST -- Joseph Roland Deanda Jr., 45, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence at the intersection of Highway 101 and Perkins Street at 1:47 a.m. Tuesday.
ARREST -- Dorotheya Dorman, 69, of Redwood Valley, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence in the 100 block of East Perkins at 2:01 a.m. Tuesday.
ARREST -- Jose Luis Vasquez, 26, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of preventing a witness from testifying in the 800 block of Cypress Street at 12:02 p.m. Tuesday.

CHP REPORTS
The following were compiled from reports prepared by the California Highway Patrol:
ARREST -- Eustaquio Garcia-Espinoza, 20, of Potter Valley, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and driving without a license at the intersection of North State Street and Lake

Mendocino Drive at 11:42 p.m. Saturday.
ARREST -- Bridgette Frank, 18, of Covelo, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, being in the possession of a controlled substance, being under the influence of a controlled substance and driving unlicensed at the intersection of Highway 20 and Highway 101 at 2:15 p.m. Sunday.
ARREST -- Osvaldo Baraja, 35, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and a probation violation on Old River Road at 2:08 p.m. Monday.
ARREST -- Luis Gonzalez, 27, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence on South State Street at 9:01 p.m. Monday.
ARREST -- Nathan O'Neil, 35, of Fort Bragg, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence on State Route 1 at 3:23 p.m. Tuesday.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes no exceptions.

CORRECTIONS

The Ukiah Daily Journal reserves this space to correct errors or make clarifications to news articles. Significant errors in obituary notices or birth announcements will result in reprinting the entire article. Errors may be reported to the editor, 468-3526.

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Civil court fees revised

The Daily Journal
On Tuesday, the California Superior Court System implemented revised and clarified fees for civil proceedings in the state's trial courts.
Assembly Bill 1248 changes the Uniform Civil Fees and Standard Fee Schedule Act to simplify the fee structure by combining surcharges and add-ons into a single filing fee.
The changes are designed to create consistency in the fee structure statewide and to help ensure stable funding for California's court system.
AB 1248 has revised fees in limited civil cases, clarified when fees do and do not apply during probate filings and changed the payment of graduated probate fees.
The new law has also added new fees for amending small claims filings, amending complaints and cross-complaints in limited civil cases and for making a writ of petition in limited civil cases.

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What's Playing

THURSDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dancing; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. no cover.
DJ MARK ANTHONY -- Mixed music; Scotty's Café; 720 N. State St., Ukiah; 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

TERRY BLAKSTAD -- Mix of blues and rock and roll; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main, Willits; 8 p.m.; no cover, tips welcome; 459-9194.

FRIDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dance music with Smokin' Joe; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m.

KIM MANNING & ERIC LEVY -- live performance; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main, Willits; 9 p.m.; \$10 cover; 459-9194.

SATURDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dance music with Smokin' Joe; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m.

KARAOKE -- Live entertainment; Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 7 to 11 p.m.; no cover; 462-8686.

DAN MEYER & THE MISDORMEANORS OF JAZZ -- Eclectic mix of jazz, swing and folk; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main, Willits; 9 p.m.; \$5 cover; 459-9194.

BELTONES BAND -- Dance music; Ukiah Senior Center, Bartlett Hall; 495 Leslie St., Ukiah; 7 to 10 p.m.; \$8 cover; adults 18 and over welcome.

'HUICHOL SACRED PILGRIMAGE TO WIRIKUTA' -- Documentary, exhibit and discussion; Grace Hudson Museum; 431 S. Main St., Ukiah; 2 p.m.; free to the public.

PROFESSIONAL PIANIST CONCERT -- Live performances; Mendocino College Center for the Performing Arts; 1000 Hensley Creek Rd., Ukiah; 2 p.m.; \$10 seniors/students, \$15 general, \$25 "I wanna see the hands" seating; 468-8910.

SUNDAY

PROFESSIONAL PIANIST CONCERT -- Live performances; Mendocino College Center for the Performing Arts; 1000 Hensley Creek Rd., Ukiah; 2 p.m.; \$10 seniors/students, \$15 general, \$25 "I wanna see the hands" seating; 468-8910.

MONDAY

MICROPHONE NIGHT -- Sing or play an instrument; Club 711; 711 S. State St., Ukiah; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; 462-7111.

TUESDAY

KARAOKE -- Every Tuesday; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 8 p.m.; free.

TAHITIAN DANCE -- Every Tuesday night; Mendocino Ballet Studio; 205 S. State St., Ukiah; ages 11 to 99; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; \$8 to \$11.

WEDNESDAY

ADAM'S CENTER STAGE KARAOKE -- Karaoke night at Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 7 to 11 p.m.; family hours 6 to 8 p.m.; no cover; 462-8686.

LADIES NIGHT -- Nepalese dance and music by Rai family; Himalayan Café; 1639 S. State St., Ukiah; 467-9900.

OPEN MIC NIGHT -- Open Mic; Ukiah Brewing Co.; 102 S. State St., Ukiah; 8:30 p.m.; free; 468-5898.

'P.S. I Love You' is a good romantic comedy

Everyone through the course of their lifetime has lost someone that they have been really close to or loved, but what if those passing on wouldn't mean that you would stop hearing from them?

Holly Kennedy (Hilary Swank) and Gerry Kennedy (Gerard Butler) have been married for nine years. They have a very loving relationship, but like most they have their little problems. No matter what the situation they would always make up and get through their personal differences.

As time goes on Gerry passes away from a brain tumor. Holly is very upset by this occurrence and can't help but feel that half of her is missing.

Locking herself up in her apartment with her husband's ashes for weeks at a time she would reminisce, cry and break down over the fact that he really isn't there anymore.

Three weeks later Holly's birthday arrives and her mother (Kathy Bates) and friends Denise (Lisa Kudrow), Sharon (Gina Gershon) and Daniel (Harry Connick Jr.) all come over to celebrate with her, but are distraught to see that she is in no shape to do anything.

After cleaning her up she receives a random birthday cake from none other than Gerry and inside along with the cake is a tape recorder telling her she will be receiving letters from him.

Now the life of Holly after

FOCUS ON FILM



By Shelby White

her husband will be unlike others and completely different.

I found "P.S. I Love" to be a great romantic comedy.

Much of the writing and storyline I found to be very different from anything I have ever seen before. The thought of a husband dying and the plot turning into comedy seems like a morbid idea for anyone to watch, but I was happy to see that it was done respectfully and right.

The cast was a real joy to watch. Holly's friends added great comedic relief and insight as well as her mother filling in space that she never thought would happen.

I recommend "P.S. I Love You" for anyone who loves comedy and can sit through a movie that will leave you in a quizzical state about life.

By ULLA

BRUNNBERG-RAND

Special for the Journal

As I approach the back entrance of the Methodist Church social hall, I can hear lively music spilling out of the doors into the dark evening.

I enter the hall and sense anticipation as I hear the caller directing new dancers to gather for instruction for the evening's dance. I am greeted by a friendly person at the door.

I am ushered onto the floor. A nice gentleman, who seems experienced, asks me to join the group.

The caller has us walk around in a circle to the rhythm of the music. This is a helpful ice breaker and quickly sets the mood.

We practice some simple moves: allemande left, do-si-do, and swing your partner. Soon we are ready to begin the dance.

I find myself, together with my partner, dancing in long lines using the moves I have just learned.

The caller guides us up and down the hall, preparing us for the next moves always a step ahead of the music.

We experience the progression of the dance, repeating the same dance figures with different couples we encounter. I'm having fun.

After my feet have gotten used to the patterns of the first couple of dances I begin to take in the wonderful live music.

There is always live music. Callers and musicians may be local or come from as far away as San Francisco.

The band consists of fiddle, guitar, banjo and penny whistle, each played with skill and vigor.

After my first night of contra dancing a couple of years



Above, participants enjoy a night of contra dance at the Methodist Church, dancing to the sounds of live musicians, shown below.



ago, I came back for more. I am now a regular.

Today, communities all over the country hold monthly Contra Dances. This dance form originated in the British Isles many centuries ago. The

earliest form of "Country Dancing" was published in London in 1651. It migrated to this continent by immigrants during the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

During the Gold Rush,

contra dance reached the west coast and were during the years changed to its existing form with the swing step invented by Americans.

It is now danced all over the country together with its cousins; square dancing, clogging and line dancing.

The Ukiah Contra Dance has been in existence for over twenty years.

I look forward to this monthly event. People from all walks of life enjoy each other's company.

I have come to love the friendly social atmosphere where adults, youth and children dance side by side. It's great, unpretentious aerobic fun, which puts a smile on your face and besides, the Ukiah dance is known to be beginner friendly. Come join the fun.

For information, call 467-0311.

'The Lowdown on Mountain Lions' slideshow, lecture by Scott Koller

By KATE MARIANCHILD

Special for the Journal

If you were a mountain lion you'd be like the rest of us -- you would love living in Mendocino County.

There are lots of Black-tailed Deer, your favorite food, and you'd enjoy the variety in your diet provided by raccoons, opossums, ducks, beavers, and porcupines.

During the day, when you weren't hunting, it would be easy to tuck yourself away and hide because so much of Mendocino County is wild and uninhabited.

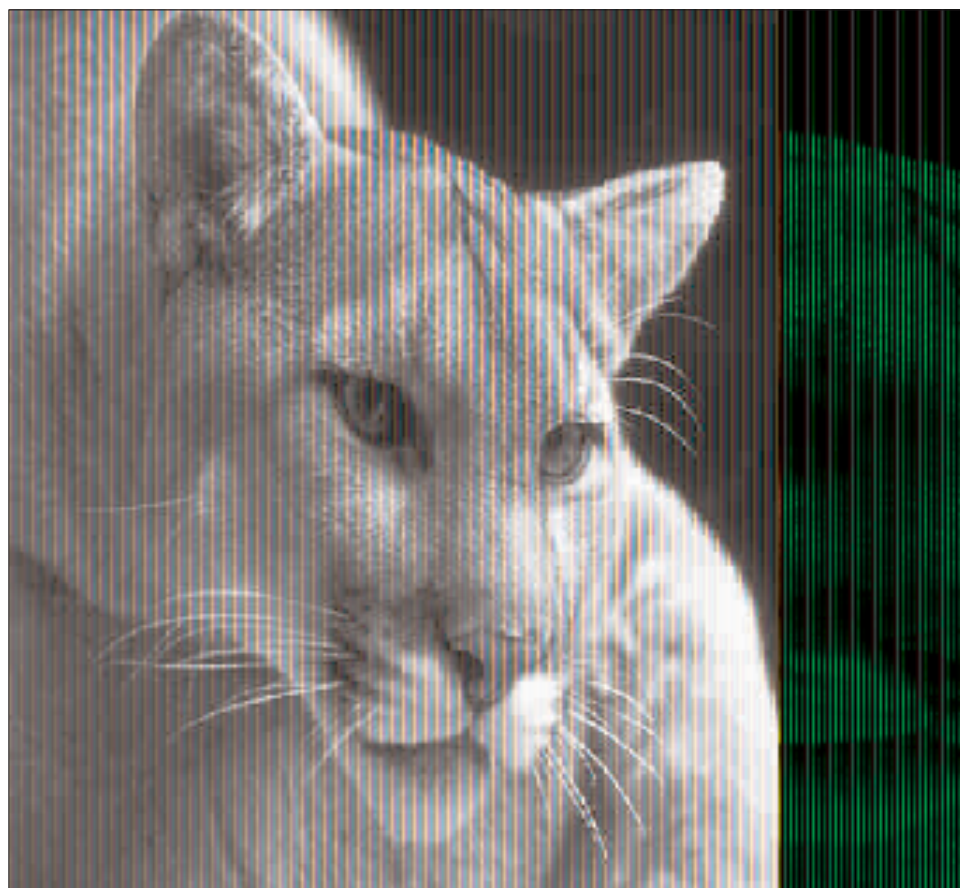
"You'd also find it pretty easy to get in trouble in Mendocino County, especially if you were a young male mountain lion," explains Scott Koller, Associate Wildlife Biologist and Wildlife Resource Manager for the Department of Fish and Game's Mendocino Unit. "First-year mountain lions who aren't yet fully capable as hunters are more likely to go after easy prey such as sheep, dogs, cats, and goats. In fact," Koller says, "in Mendocino County more depredation permits have been issued in the last five years than in any other county in California."

A depredation permit allows the shooting of a "nuisance" mountain lion.

Koller, who finds mountain lions fascinating, will give an illustrated lecture on the habits of these reclusive top predators on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at Ukiah Civic Center.

The lecture will contain surprises for many people. Do you know what kind of relationship mountain lions have with water? Have you ever wondered what animal is the primary predator of mountain lion kittens? Do you know how long kittens stay with their mother?

Koller will also discuss Department of Fish and Game policy regarding the



issuance of depredation permits and will explain how experts tell the difference between mountain lion attacks, coyote attacks, and bear attacks.

"There will be some pretty graphic pictures of livestock kills," warns Koller, "so consider whether you want to bring children."

Koller will bring mountain lion skulls to demonstrate the razor-like teeth they have in the back of the mouth. He might also bring a bear skull.

This Peregrine Audubon Society-

sponsored event is free to the public, though donations will be gratefully accepted. The Ukiah Civic Center is at 300 Seminary Avenue. From 101 take Perkins west to State Street (3rd light). Go left on State Street and turn right on Seminary Ave.

Take Seminary to the end. To join Peregrine Audubon Society and receive a newsletter with regular announcements about programs and field trips, please send \$15 to PAS, P.O. Box 311, Ukiah, CA 95482.

For more information go to www.peregrineaudubon.org.

To submit information for the Billboard or What's Playing calendar, call 468-3520 or email udjfeatures@pacific.net

Letters from our readers

Pot smoking not good for your health

To the Editor:
A recent article on the BBC web site contains information that has been known for many years but has been actively avoided by the pro med pot people for obvious reasons.
There also exist statements published by the AMA, The American Lung Assoc. and a dozen other medical and scientific sources that basically say the same thing.
Home grown, rolled and smoked pot has never been medicine. THC has been available for the past 30 years in pure pill form. Every time someone asks the question "Is marijuana medicine?" it just seems to be assumed that THC is the only thing contained in the inhaled smoke of a marijuana cigarette. Plus, dosage control is an important element for any subscribed medicine. Pot has none.

The two largest byproducts of the "Med Pot" campaign are the tens of billions in cash that end up in the pockets of the growers, and tens of millions of stoned children all across the nation.

According to the BBC, "inhaled cannabis smoke has more harmful toxins than tobacco, scientists have discovered. The Canadian government research found 20 times as much ammonia, a chemical linked to cancer, New Scientist said. The Health Canada team also found five times as much hydrogen cyanide and nitrogen oxides, which are linked to heart and lung damage respectively. But tobacco smoke contained more of a toxin linked to infertility. Experts said users must be aware of the risks."

Marc Parsley
Willits

Lots don't smoke pot

To the Editor:
I have just received another email from Richard Johnson, publisher of the "Mendocino Country," decrying efforts to control the vast marijuana industry in Mendocino County. He apparently got my email from a Smart Growth list and erroneously believes that anyone who is for smart growth is automatically pro-marijuana. What an arrogant assumption! In fact, in his email he states, "My, we really don't like to be called Pot-heads, do we? Remember when you smoked and called yourself a 'head'?"

For Richard's enlightenment, I have never smoked marijuana. Never needed to. In fact, many of us (probably the majority) have never smoked marijuana. I urge the "silent" majority who believe that the marijuana industry is harmful to our county to speak up. Write the UDJ; notify the local politicians; speak to your friends and acquaintances and voice your opinion. For too long the proponents of the marijuana industry have been the loudest voices.

Janet Freeman
Ukiah

Pony buying not so simple

To the Editor:
On getting that pony for your child, I want to add some information to the recent article in the Daily Journal. It is so important to educate yourself and your child first and if you're educated you probably won't be buying over the Internet as that article was celebrating. Besides watching the horse move on video and getting references from a trainer and a vet in the seller's area, you and your child will know that you need to handle the horse yourselves. "Chemistry" (based on direct communication styles) between horse and handler is actually important, and who is showing the horse your video?

Horses communicate through very subtle cues involving smell, gestures, sound, and changes in eye or ear. One child with two months experience may handle a horse just

In our opinion
A good idea

A new agreement between the local battered spouse shelter, Project Sanctuary, and the Ukiah Police Department will go a long way to making sure that victims of domestic violence get the help they need.

The agreement which went into effect Jan. 1 - not in time for the domestic disturbance at Christmas in which the UPD had to shoot the attacker - will mean that Project Sanctuary counselors will be called in by police to give aid and advice to victims of domestic violence at the time of the attack.

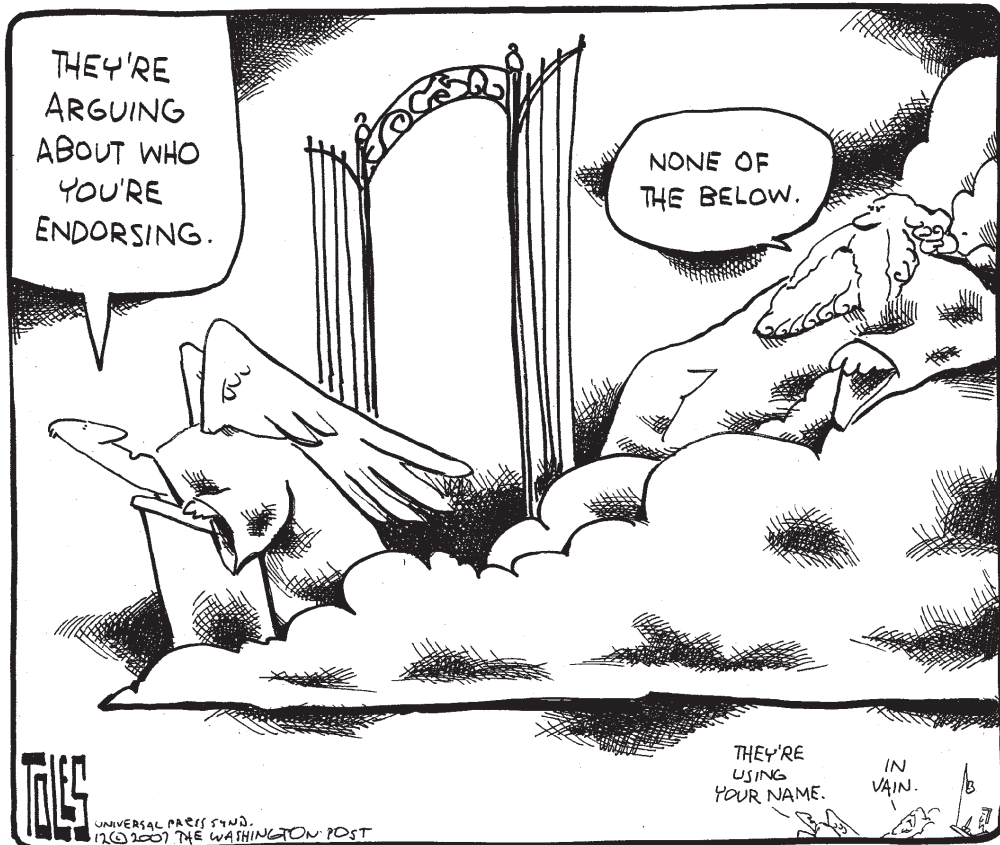
As we saw from the Christmas attack, in which a man punched his girlfriend, left the house and then went back and tried to break into the house with a sawed off shotgun, domestic violence is still a serious and wide-

spread problem in our area.

Rather than police simply giving a victim information about Project Sanctuary, the counselors will be on the scene in person, which they hope will convince victims to take advantage of the help they need to break the domestic violence cycle.

Right now, Project Sanctuary can only staff such contacts during the regular work week with the help of the county's Victim Witness program, but they hope that this new protocol with the UPD will attract grant funding that will allow them to expand it to a 24/7 service.

We think it's a fine idea and think it will be well worth funding on a bigger scale.



great, but another with years of experience can't communicate with the same horse because their "chemistry" doesn't work. You've got to get to know the horse before you decide to buy.

Education through a period of good mentoring is so important for safety and fun and fulfillment in having a horse. If you know the horse's needs -- for food, hoof care, vetting, shelter, companionship and generally being a horse -- and how much that costs (money, time and energy), the horse will be happier and healthier and so your child will be safer. Your child will maintain interest and commitment when set up to succeed with the horse.

Recently a miniature horse hobbled up on neglected ski-like hooves to my neighbor's house. He called Animal Control and checked with every horse person around, caring for her in the meantime. By the end of two weeks his grandkids fell in love with her and I donated my work to make her hooves the shape to enable comfortable movement. Soon she was claimed by her ignorant owners, dragged "home" by two kids pulling and one whipping her hind legs. I'll see if the family will accept some retrospective mentoring.

If your child is in love with horses, you have a chance to keep him or her on the right track, investing in good relationships, being physically active, and learning eagerly. Go for it -- get that education! Ask at Farm Supply, Rainbow Ag, The Tack Room, or Black Horse Tack where to find a good horsemanship teacher for your child.

Kay Lieberknecht
Ukiah

Something fishy in Ukiah?

To The Editor:

I was just in the USA gasoline service station on the north end of Ukiah that sells regular gasoline for \$3.39 cents per gallon. I went inside to pay for some gasoline. The second person in front of me was a tiny and fragile elderly woman buying two (2) gallons of gas. She insisted that was all she needed. The man in front of me was buying something else but said he would buy his gas in Lakeport where gas is \$3.22 cents a gallon. I was there buying what I hoped is enough gas to last me until I can get back to Willits where I can buy gasoline for \$3.17 cents.

I had learned from my wife about gasoline being \$3.22 in Lakeport. Gas has always tended to be noticeably cheaper in Lake County. Gasoline has a history of being cheaper in Willits too. I would like to know why. Why is gasoline 18 cents cheaper in Lakeport and 22 cents cheaper in Willits? What hardship do service stations in Ukiah face that others nearby do not?

One notices something else in Lakeport and Willits. Prices are not all the same. Service stations appear to be competing for business. Isn't that the way it is supposed to be? In Ukiah we notice a disturbing consistency or sameness in gasoline prices. Why are so many service stations in Ukiah charging exactly the same price? Where is the competition in that? Might we ask if there is an arrangement? Perhaps there is no arrangement but it certainly looks like there is an arrangement.

Richard Leamon
Potter Valley

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From the desk of...



EJ DIONNE JR.

Huckabee about to get verdict

In the state that will kick off the presidential election this week, it's not a good time to be part of the moneyed elite -- even in the Republican Party.

The crowd at a community center here last weekend was neatly but not flashily dressed, friendly and unaccustomed to hearing a Republican with a message like Mike Huckabee's. His rise has goaded Mitt Romney, who once held a clear lead in the battle for Iowa's caucuses, into a spasm of heavy spending on negative ads and mailings.

You can see why the affable Huckabee has turned himself into the moment's most interesting political phenomenon. "I'm not exactly the pick of some of the East Coast establishment Republicans," the former governor of Arkansas said in a nice bit of heartland understatement. "I think they don't understand a lot of us who don't live in their world."

"If you ask a hedge fund manager what's he worried about, he's going to give you a very different answer than a guy who just lost his job in a factory in Orange City," Huckabee continued in a quiet voice, referring to a town in the western part of the state. And then he spoke up for "the guy in Orange City" who is alarmed by the price of gasoline, the rising costs of college and health care, the inexorable increases in "deductibles" and "co-pays."

As for that hedge fund manager, Huckabee said "the price of gasoline doesn't really affect his getting to work. It's not going to change where he has a vacation this summer. It's not going to change what brand of clothes he wears or where he lives or what he has for dinner."

Huckabee actually is a Republican with a wacky and regressive tax plan, and he dutifully added: "I'm not against the hedge fund manager." But you know which side of life's struggles he's on.

On Thursday night, Iowa Republicans will render a verdict on Huckabee in what has become a two-way race for first place. Huckabee's campaign is so worried about the Romney barrage that the candidate himself went on the offensive over the weekend against the former Massachusetts governor's "dishonest" attacks. Huckabee's less-than-informed statements following the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto could also hurt him.

But even if Romney manages to knock Huckabee back, the returns are already in on the trajectory of this campaign. Iowa is shouting a profound discontent with the economic powers not heard since at least 1992.

Just hours after Huckabee spoke Saturday, Democrat John Edwards gave a raucous crowd in Des Moines a rousing anti-corporate oration a few decibel levels above his already fire-breathing stump speech. He attacked "corporate greed," "the glorification of corporate profit," "the banks and the insurance companies," Exxon Mobil and Halliburton, the people who "have a stranglehold on the American economy."

"The richest Americans are getting richer," Edwards said. "How much money do these people need?" Roaring his refrain of "enough is enough," Edwards declared: "America doesn't belong to them. It belongs to us."

Us-vs.-them economic rhetoric is often said to be out of date, impractical, even dangerous. But in the closing days of a very tight race, Edwards has his opponents, particularly Barack Obama, scrambling to make sure a trial lawyer from North Carolina does not corner the market on populism.

Obama is vying with Edwards for the non-Clinton vote, and the Illinois senator was on the air Sunday with an Edwards-like television ad assailing the flow of American jobs abroad. Obama spoke last week of "Maytag workers who labored all their lives only to see their jobs shipped overseas; who now compete with their teenagers for \$7-an-hour jobs at Wal-Mart." He had heard from seniors "who were betrayed by CEOs who dumped their pensions while pocketing bonuses, and from those who still can't afford their prescriptions because Congress refused to negotiate with the drug companies for the cheapest available price."

Even Hillary Clinton, whose discourse is typically longer on policy details than egalitarian wrath, told an appreciative crowd in Story City last week that the "interests of working middle-class families" had been "subordinated to the interests of the wealthy and well-connected" and that the Bush administration acted on the mortgage crisis "only after Wall Street began to feel the credit crunch." She promised to "end the student loan industry's scams, which have ripped off families," and condemned "no-bid contracts," "cronyism" and "corruption."

Since the Reagan era, the heroes of the nation's economic story have been valiant entrepreneurs who "took risks" and "created wealth." This narrative advanced the Republican cause and seeped deeply into the Democratic Party. If Iowa is any indication, there is a new narrative in which the old heroes are cast as the goats of the story and the new heroes are people like "the guy in Orange City." There is a thunder out of Iowa, and it is shaking both parties.

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Film on Huichol Spirituality at Grace Hudson Museum set for Jan. 5

“Huichol Sacred Pilgrimage to Wirikuta,” a 30-minute film about the Huichol Indians of Mexico, will screen at Grace Hudson Museum on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. The filmmaker, Larain Matheson of Gualala, has worked with the Huichol people and studied with their shaman teachers, most notably with Guadalupe de la Cruz Rios. Matheson has also produced a CD of traditional Huichol songs entitled “Kupuri: Huichol Songs and Music.”

After the film, audience members are invited to participate in a discussion with the filmmaker and browse “Radiant Visions: Huichol Indian Art,” the popular current exhibit at Grace Hudson Museum. A reception will follow the screening during which copies of the film will be available for purchase. This event is free to the public.

Matheson’s documentary film gives insight into the culture and spirituality of the Huichol people with a focus on their sacred annual pilgrimage to the distant desert, the place where the Peyote medicine cactus grows. This cactus is used in Huichol ceremonial life to contact the spirit world. The film and the exhibit offer rare glimpses into an indigenous culture that is largely intact due to its remote location in Mexico’s Sierra Occidental mountains.

“Radiant Visions,” the Museum exhibit that showcases the complex, vibrant, and visionary art of the Huichol people, will be ending on Sunday, Jan. 13. The public is invited to go on Jan. 5 to see the film, talk with the filmmaker, and experience Huichol art while it is still available.

Designs sought for Point Arena centennial commemorative seal

The City of Point Arena celebrates 100 years as an incorporated California City and its Centennial in 2008, and is seeking a unique commemorative Centennial Seal to be created for the occasion. Any person or entity is invited to enter the contest and more than one entry may be submitted by one person. Entries will be accepted until Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008 at 4 p.m.

Entry Forms are available at Coast Community Library on Main Street in Point Arena and online at www.cityofpointarena.com, where all information about the Centennial Seal Contest will be available. Information is also available by calling Point Arena City Hall at 882-2122.

Mendocino Area Parks Association announces ‘Arts for the Parks’

Mendocino Area Parks Association (MAPA) invites the public to enter their “Arts for the Parks” contest and help them to “celebrate the beauty and diversity of our local State Parks.”

Nearly fifty prizes are offered, including six grand prize cash awards totaling over \$5000. Plus, winning artwork will be showcased in galleries and wineries through Mendocino County during a six-month, traveling show.

On Friday, April 19, an Open House and Artist Reception will kick-off a weekend exhibit of all qualifying artwork. Winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 20.

Rules and entry forms can be obtained from Mendocino Area Parks Association (MAPA), PO Box 1387, Mendocino, CA 95460, by calling 937-4700, e-mail to mapa@mcn.org, or visiting the Web site at www.mendocinoparks.org.

The contest is open to both professionals and amateurs, and the subject matter must be identified with one of the many State Parks in Mendocino County.

SPACE announces auditions for ‘High School Musical’ on Jan. 11 and 12

School of Performing Arts and Cultural Education announces auditions for its production of Disney’s “High School Musical” will be held Friday, Jan. 11, 6 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, Jan. 12, 1 to 4 p.m., at SPACE Studio, 145 E. Church St.

There are roles for 30 to 35 cast members ages 13 to 18, all of whom act, sing and dance. Rehearsals begin on Jan. 15 and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. Performances are the week of April 14.

Paulette Arnold directs with choreography by Sandy Metzler and musical direction by Les Pfutzenreuter and Erika Brewer.

For fees and more information, call Paulette at 462-9370.

First Ukiah Contra Dance of 2008 set for Jan 12

The first Ukiah Contra Dance of the new year will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Ukiah Methodist Church, 207 North Pine Street (back entrance), Ukiah. The public is invited. The dance begins at 7:30 p.m., with beginners’ instruction from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Live music will be provided by Laura Smith (fiddle), Darin Smith (cello/guitar) and Bob Laughton (guitar/mandolin). Mavis McGaugh will call and teach all dances, including contra dances, square dances, circle dances, waltzes and polkas. The requested donations are: \$4 for dancing children ages 4 to 11; \$6 for ages 12 to 17; \$8 for 18 years and above. Bring non-alcoholic beverage or dessert to share.

For more information, call Paula at 463-2113.

Frame of Mind to perform in Caspar on Jan. 12

Frame of Mind will perform at the Caspar Inn on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 9:30 p.m. Their music covers a variety of styles, including funk, rock, reggae, Latin, fusion, psychedelic, blues and more to make a style of their own. The Caspar Inn is located at 14957 Caspar Rd., in Caspar. The cover charge for the show will be \$7.

For more information about the band, check their web site at <http://www.frameofmindlive.com>.

Miss Mendocino County ceremony set for Jan. 12

The Miss Mendocino County Scholarship Association invites the public to the 2008 Miss Mendocino County/ Miss North Coast/ Miss Northern Counties competition.

The competition will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Ukiah High School Cafetorium, at 1000 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, at 7 p.m.

The event will have Melissa Chaty, Miss California 2007, as the special guest before she departs for the Miss America competition.

Those interested in attending can RSVP to Verna Jacobs, at 1300 Vista Verde Road, Ukiah, CA, 95482, or rayjvj@saber.net. Tickets for a representative and one chaperone will be complimentary at the door; additional tickets will cost \$15 each

Professional Pianist Concert hits Ukiah this weekend



Featured here is Tom Ganoung, Spencer Brewer, Elena Casanova, Tom Aiken and Elizabeth MacDougall as the core group for this year's 16th Annual Professional Pianist Concert. Not pictured is David Lisle. Two performances by the hottest, musically eclectic keyboard artists will happen on Saturday and Sunday at Mendocino College Center for the Performing Arts (1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah). The concert -- an annual sellout - benefits the Ukiah Educational Foundation, The mendocno College Recording arts Club and the Allegro Scholarship Foundation. Tickets are on sale at Mendocino Book Co., Ukiah Music Center and Leaves of Grass in Willits.

Sweet Saturdays to continue with ‘A Winter Wonderland at the Library’

“A Winter Wonderland” is coming up on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 10:30 to noon. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy this morning when King Winter comes out to join in circle games, and when children will be given an opportunity to make snowman collages. A puppet play, story time and sweet treats are all included in the event. Parents are invited to stay and enjoy the fun with their children. There is no charge.

Kayla Meadows, kindergarten teacher, and Ina Gordon, children’s librarian, will be the presenters of this winter party that is co-sponsored by the Ukiah branch of the Mendocino County Public Library and River Oak Charter School. Staff from River Oak Charter School will be on hand to answer questions about fall enrollment at the school.

Pride Alliance Network Winter Dinner Dance set for Jan. 12

The fifth annual Pride Alliance Network Winter Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 6 to 11:30 p.m., at the Saturday Afternoon Club. Admission will be on a sliding scale, of \$10 to \$25, with one soft drink or water free at admittance. The potluck dinner will be held from 6 to 7 p.m., and the dance will be held from 8 to 11:30, with music provided by DJ Diva Page Hodel.

PAN will pride turkey, ham and vegetarian entree, and they request that participants bring the rest, by last name: A-K, snacks or salad; L-R, side dishes; and S-Z, snacks or dessert. The no-host bar will include Mendocino wine, soft drinks and sparkling and still waters. The Saturday Afternoon Club is located at 107 S. Oak, in Ukiah. For more information and to RSVP, call PAN’s toll-free number 1-888-237-9873.

Mendocino Stories and Music Series poetry night set for Jan. 25

The next event in the Mendocino Stories and Music Series will be a poetry night, with Sharon Doubiago, Theresa

Whitehill, William Brad and Gordon Black reading their work. They will be followed by open readings, hosted by Dan Roberts. Music will be provided by Lynn Stoller and David Duret.

Donations are requested for the performers. The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the program will start at 6:30 p.m.

The poetry night will take place at the Mendocino Hotel Garden Room, on Jan. 25. For more information, call Pattie at 937-1732, or visit the Mendocino Stories web site at <http://www.mendocinostories.com/events>.

Flavor Festival set to start with Crab and Wine Weekend on Jan. 25

Taste Mendocino, a Celebration of Mendocino’s Regional Flavor Bounty, will kick off with a weekend of fresh shellfish and wine events beginning Friday, Jan. 25, on the Mendocino Coast.

The new Flavor Festival combines established Mendocino County events, including Crab and Wine Days, the Wine and Mushroom Festival, and the Alsace Varietals Festival. The first weekend kicks off with a Cioppino Dinner in Fort Bragg’s Noyo Harbor on Friday, Jan. 25. Then, on Saturday, Jan. 26, the public is invited to the Ninth Annual Crab Cake Cook-off and wine tasting, featuring Mendocino County chefs serving crab cakes made with local Dungeness crab, accompanied by Mendocino County wines..

In addition to wine and crab, the Regional Flavor Bounty offers tastings of locally-grown and produced products including wild mushrooms, chocolate and even seaweed. Seminars on mushroom collecting, food and wine pairing, cooking demonstrations at restaurants throughout the County, winemaker dinners, whale watching and crab fishing expeditions happen throughout the Festival. It all ends with the Alsace Varietals Festival in the Anderson Valley, Feb. 9 and 10, 2008.

Tickets for the Jan. 25th Cioppino Dinner, which cost \$25 in advance, and the Jan. 26 Crab Cake Cook-off, which cost \$55 in advance, are already available online at www.MendocinoCoastClinics.org, and a Festival guide listing all additional events will be published in the fall of 2007.

For more information, click on “Events” at <http://www.gomendo.com>.

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• Fri., Mendocino women's basketball vs. Feather River @ 4 p.m.

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Holiday Hoops Clinic

The second annual New Year's Basketball clinic presented by Nor Cal Basketball and the Pomolita Boosters Club will be held at Pomolita Middle School on Jan. 2-4 from 8:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. The Clinic will allow coed minors ages 7-17 to participate. Campers will receive individual instruction in every phase of the game from qualified local coaches. Each camper will receive a free T-shirt and Basketball. Walk up registration will be accepted. For more information call 972-7057.

Pony and Colt
League Signups

Ukiah Pony/Colt league will be having signups for the 2008 season in conjunction with Little League on Jan. 16, 17, and 22. This league is for boys and girls ages 13-17 and all games are located at Anton Stadium. Please bring a certified copy of your child's birth certificate and the signup fee of \$75. If you have any questions, call Kris at 468-3800.

North and South
Ukiah Little League

Both the North and South Ukiah Little League signups will be held Jan. 16, 17, and 22 from 6-8p.m. in the Yokayo elementary School Cafeteria. All parents must bring the following: an original state or federal certified birth certificate, three proof of residency documents, the signup fee of \$55 for the first child and \$50 for each additional sibling, and a \$30 deposit for required service hours in the form of a check. Players can be no younger than 5 and no older than 12 by April 30 to participate in Little League. Limited scholarships will be available based on financial need. If you have an question about North Ukiah Little League, you can call the hotline at 468-4232 or visit the website at www.eteamz.com/null. For South Ukiah Little League call 468-8800 or visit their website at www.eteamz.com/sull.

Girls Youth
Softball League

The City of Ukiah Community Service Department would like to announce the beginning of registration for the 2008 Girls Youth Softball League. Participants may register individually and will be placed on teams according to their grade level. The League will be divided into the following divisions: grades K-2 (T-Ball); grades 3 and 4 (pitching machine); grades 5 and 6; and grades 7-12. League play begins in early April and will run through early June. Cost is \$50 per player (sibling discounts and Low Income Discounts are available). The registration deadline is March 7, 2008 and forms are available at the City of Ukiah (411 West Clay) and www.cityofukiah.com. For more information, call 463-6714.

Youth Soccer League

Ukiah Valley Youth Soccer League is holding there League Membership Meeting Jan. 22, 6:30 at the Consolidated Tribal Health (on North State St between Calpella and Redwood Valley) At this meeting we will elect new Board of Directors for the 2008 season, establish fee increases adopt any changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and/or General Procedures. This is an open meeting for anyone to attend and give feedback on how your season went. For further information please visit our web-site uvysl.org or call the hotline at 467-9797.

High School
Baseball Clinic

The city of Ukiah and the Ukiah High Wildcats would like to announce the beginning of registration for a baseball clinic supervised by UHS baseball coaching staff. This clinic is completely free and will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. and began on December 4th. This clinic will teach every aspect of the game, from hitting and base running to pitching and fielding and so much more. The clinic is open to boys ages 13-17 all the way through the end of January.

Attention Coaches!

If you have any information about upcoming games, game summaries, or information for the Community Digest, that you would like put in the paper, make sure to contact the sports desk by calling 468-3518 or by email at udjsports@pacific.net.

NFL | 49ERS

49ers make McCloughan GM, retain Nolan as head coach

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA — After five straight losing seasons, the San Francisco 49ers still believe everything is going according to coach Mike Nolan's plan. Nolan will return to the 49ers next season despite going 16-32 in his first three years with the club. Scot McCloughan, their top personnel executive, was formally announced as general manager Wednesday, getting a contract extension and a raise. And other than those new business

cards for McCloughan, 49ers owner John York apparently made no significant changes to his beleaguered franchise's power structure after the longest streak of losing football in team history. Nolan, who previously had the final say on all football decisions, and McCloughan will continue to make joint decisions on every issue for the 49ers (5-11), even though McCloughan now has "the trigger," as Nolan put it. "I will remain the one voice in this organization, and the face," Nolan

said. "I don't believe it will change at all. The important thing is that we will maintain the relationship. We'll still communicate on all issues. ... I'm not disappointed at all. I was in favor of it. I've been in favor of it for a long time." Nolan made one inevitable move by firing rookie offensive coordinator Jim Hostler, whose unit finished last in the NFL with 219 points. Nolan is on the lookout for a veteran NFL man to become San Francisco's sixth offensive coordinator in six seasons. But Hostler's ouster appears to be

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MENDOCINO 74 | REDWOODS 54

Eagles grab hold of first win

The Daily Journal

After suffering a tough loss to Cerro Coso two weeks prior in the College of Redwoods tournament, the Mendocino Eagles women's basketball team took on College of the Redwoods in front of their home crowd looking for their first victory in the young season. It wasn't going to come easy for the Eagles even from the time they entered the gym as they had just six players suited up to play. No matter, however, as the Mendocino ladies dominated Redwoods from the opening tip, winning 74-54 and notching their first victory of the season.

Mendocino, suffering from a lack of bench players, came out on a mission, jumping out to a 17 point lead before half-time. Redwoods came out in the second half determined to battle back and stay in it but even as they cut the lead to 10 points it was not to be.

With nine minutes left in the game, the Eagles went one last run to put the game away as they stretched it out to 20 points and never looked back. "We came into the game with six players and they all contributed," said Mendocino head coach Jody Steliga. "I'm very proud of their efforts to pull in our first win. They are a tenacious group of young ladies who battle hard."

Leading the way for the Eagles was Katie Stiles with 26 points, including five of six from the three-point line. Ashley Shepherd added an impressive double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds to go along with five steals.

Also contributing were Amber Shepherd who added



Sarah Baldik/ The Daily Journal

The Eagles' Amber Shepherd, No. 5, releases a jump shot in the early going of Mendocino's 74-54 win over College of the Redwoods.

11 points. Passion Allen Lenard had nine points and eight rebounds and Janey Morris led the Eagles with

seven assists. Andrea Elliston gave her team five points and six rebounds as well.

The Mendocino ladies look

to string together consecutive wins on Friday as they take on Feather River at home at 4 p.m.

PGA TOUR | 2008 SEASON UNDERWAY

'08 season gets under way with small field and lots of rust

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Only winners are invited to Kapalua to start the new season at the Mercedes-Benz Championship, making it perhaps the toughest of all PGA Tour events to join.

Once in paradise, it might be the easiest tournament all year to win.

For starters, only 31 players are in the field. Thirteen have never competed on the Plantation Course at Kapalua, with its mountainous terrain, massive greens and severe slopes. And while all of these guys know what it takes to win, most haven't hit a meaningful shot in more than a month.

"Never thought of it that way," Mark Calcavecchia said. "There's 31 guys here this year, and there's 30 at the Tour Championship. But Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson aren't here, so that increases your chances of winning greatly. I might have to agree with you on that."

In what is becoming a tradition the tour could do without, the top two players in the world ranking have decided to sit out opening day. Woods,

who won at Kapalua in 2000, cited a desire to spend more time with his family. Mickelson, who hasn't played at Kapalua since 2001, did not give the tournament a reason.

Also missing this week are British Open champion Padraig Harrington, who traditionally takes his one full month off in January, and Adam Scott of Australia, who withdrew over the weekend citing exhaustion.

That leaves only four of the top 10 in the world at Kapalua to start the year Thursday, and few complaining about it. Most of them are simply thrilled to be in these parts, reminded of what they did to get a starting time.

Six players got in after the FedEx Cup season ended, winning in the Fall Series. That list includes former Masters champion Mike Weir, former British Open champion Justin Leonard and Chad Campbell, who said his victory in the Viking Classic "turned a below-average year into a pretty good one."

Two guys haven't been to Kapalua in six years — Steve Stricker and Scott Verplank, whose previous victory was in 2001.

Stricker was among the first to arrive, getting in a few practice rounds on the weekend when the weather was decent, playing in shorts that showed what appeared to be a tan line around his ankles.

"It was from the summer," said Stricker, who has been up to his knees in snow at home in Wisconsin.

Paul Goydos hasn't been to a tournament at Kapalua since it was part of the silly season. He used to play in the Lincoln-Mercury Kapalua International, a field of about 100 players held in the late fall.

"It was much easier to get into that event than this one," Goydos said. "But I think the Mercedes is almost the most important tournament of the year. This is the event you play in because you accomplished, at least for one week, the goals you have every week. Take away the Grand Slam of Golf (for only major winners), and it's a pretty hard field to get in."

Goydos is among those relatively surprised to be at Kapalua. He had not won since the 1996 Bay Hill Invitational, and he kept his card for the 2007 season only with a runner-up

finish in the final event of the year. But he won in his first start at the Sony Open in Honolulu, and he found himself in elite company — even without Woods and Mickelson.

As for the absence of No. 1 and No. 2?

"I have a different perspective than a guy that wins 10 times a year," Goydos said. "I think it's an important event. But again, I don't have to endure what a Phil or a Tiger has to endure each week. Until I'm in their shoes, I'm not going to worry about it too much."

What kind of game these 31 guys bring to a Plantation Course that is long and soft because of recent rain remains a mystery. Stuart Appleby won three straight years, and one prevailing reason was he had been playing in Australia leading to Kapalua.

Verplank hasn't played since Disney, choosing to have minor thumb surgery. He played his first full round in nearly two months on Saturday. Campbell packed it in after Las Vegas in mid-October. He played twice a

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BASKETBALL
Wildcats
romp to
eighth
victory

The Daily Journal

Ukiah's Lady Wildcats varsity basketball team defeated the Windsor Cougars in a decisive 61-39 victory Saturday, December 22nd at Windsor.

Ukiah (8-3) took a nine point lead in the first quarter, out scoring the Cougars 19-10. The Lady Cats added one more point to their lead in the second quarter to end the half Ukiah 30, Windsor 20.

The Cougars were able to match the Lady Cats in the third quarter with 15 points each, but the Cats pulled away strongly in the fourth quarter scoring 16 points to the Cougar's four.

"The girls showed today that they can be as good as any team in the League," said Ukiah Coach Randy Haralson. "Cassie Baroni had her best game to date, leading us in points and assists.

"Cassie is so quick that Windsor and any other team we've played so far has not been able to press us with any real success because she can dribble through their press and can find the open player. Hillary Ruddick continues to shoot the ball at a phenomenal 45 percentage rate with 15 points and Carrie Reed had an outstanding game on the boards pulling in 13 rebounds along with 9 points. It was a team effort from the start with the girls coming off the bench giving us quality minutes when we got ourselves into a little foul trouble in the first half."

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“I think the situation of the things happening before was really blown out of proportion, really” Merriman said Wednesday, when the AFC West champion Chargers (11-5) began preparing to face a Tennessee team they beat 23-17 in overtime on Dec. 9. “If any payback is due, the league already took care of it. I’m over it. I’m ready to go out and play football.”

Merriman sprained his left knee when he was hit by Titans center Kevin Mawae and right tackle David Stewart, forcing him out of the game and keeping him sidelined the following Sunday. Mawae was fined \$5,000 for his hit on Merriman, and Stewart was fined \$12,500 for hitting Merriman and for a late shove on another Chargers player.

The Titans (10-6) weren’t happy that Merriman collided with quarterback Vince Young after he handed off to a running back.

After the game, the conspiracy theory arose. Merriman said he heard that Titans coach Jeff Fisher put out a hit on him.

Merriman offered a tangled explanation on Wednesday.

Asked who told him about Fisher putting out the hit, Merriman said: “Some teammates who weren’t playing in the game who just saw him across the way, some people who were just around, who weren’t on the team, who saw the same thing. That’s what I heard, and it just so happened they told me right before I went on camera, so that was the first thing that was on my mind right before the camera came on. And I said that’s what I heard and I think it just got blown up out of proportion.”

Naturally, Merriman didn’t name names.

Now that that’s all cleared up, Merriman doesn’t think the Chargers are going to be looking for any payback, especially since they won that game.

“It’s going to be a physical

Authorities stumped over report
that black runner had substance
thrown in his eyes during race

By DAVID SHARP
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Officers investigating a report that a white man threw an irritating substance in the eyes of a black runner at a high school track meet last fall say they still have no leads despite reviewing 3,500 videos and photos.

Mohamed Noor, a black Somali immigrant attending Lewiston High School, fell from second place to finish 124th in the New England Cross Country Championships at Cumberland on Nov. 10 and reported afterward that a middle-aged white man tossed something into his eyes.

Noor struggled to cross the finish line of the 3.1-mile race. Witnesses said he was throwing up and his eyes were bloodshot, and he was treated by an ambulance crew. However, it wasn’t until after the team returned to Lewiston that Noor reported the episode to his coach.

Noor’s eyes remained red and bloodshot for several days afterward, Jason Fuller, Lewiston High School’s athletic director, said Wednesday. Cumberland Police Lt. Milt Calder described the investigation as still open but no longer getting daily attention.

game, and not because of what happened the first time,” said Merriman, who led the Chargers with 12 1/2 sacks. “It’s going to be a physical game because whoever loses goes home. I think there’s more at stake now than it was four games ago.”

And, he added, “We’re going to all give each other hugs before the game starts.”

That ought to be quite a sight.

Fisher apparently has gotten over it.

“I’ve been in this league a long time,” Fisher said. “I’m all too familiar with the emotions of the game and the heat-of-battle type things. I just chalked it up as that. I voted for him for the Pro Bowl. He’s a great player and it wasn’t an intentional hit on our quarterback. A lot of things are said that I think often times are taken back. But he can speak for himself on that. I was not offended by it.”

Merriman is an excitable sort. Nicknamed “Lights Out” for his punishing hits, he has a spasmodic sack dance and pretends to flip a switch that’s tattooed on his forearm.

Young got over it, too.

“I wasn’t really paying attention,” he said. “It happened. It happened, so move on from it.”

This isn’t the first time this season Merriman has backtracked.

The last time the Chargers lost, Nov. 18 at Jacksonville, Merriman caused a stir when he questioned his teammates’ commitment and said they needed a change of attitude.

Merriman’s outburst gave the impression of a fractured locker room in Norv Turner’s first season as coach.

He had just one tackle in that game and was knocked on his rear end by 5-foot-7 Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew.

Merriman backed off the next day, saying he popped off while still steamed about the loss.

The Chargers have won six straight since, and 10 of 12 after their surprising 1-3 start.

Young left Sunday night’s win at Indianapolis with an ailing right quadriceps, which will force the Chargers to prepare for both Young and back-up Kerry Collins.

Notes: Nate Kaeding’s participation in practice was limited due to his bruised lower left leg, but Turner said the kicker is improving. Nonetheless, Turner plans to keep kickoff specialist Dave Rayner around as insurance.

“We don’t have anything concrete to charge anyone,” Calder said. “We just don’t have a suspect.”

Police had asked for video and photos from anyone who attended the meet, and Calder said he and another officer spent about 40 hours reviewing 3,500 photos and videos that were provided to police.

No one other than Noor has reported seeing anything.

Cross-country runners cover miles of terrain over fields and through woods, often alone. Races can be chaotic, especially at regional meets with hundreds of runners and hundreds of spectators jockeying for good viewing positions along the course.

Noor told Fuller that a man who singled him out before the race attempted to throw something at him at the start line, then later succeeded in throwing something similar to dirt or sand in his eyes.

“It’s unfortunate that the whole thing is going to end up playing out like this,” Fuller said. “I could sense from the beginning that it was doing to be difficult to find (the assailant).”

There was no comment from Noor on Wednesday; Lewiston High School was closed following a snow-storm.

Peterson

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with the attitude to just contribute any way I could. Get in game shape and be valuable to play.”

Vikings cornerback Cedric Griffin played at Texas and faced Peterson each season. That Peterson was the NFL’s top offensive rookie was no surprise to Griffin.

“I knew what he possessed. He’s just a great back, and I respect that of him,” Griffin said. “I don’t think he needs any praises, because he knows that he has that capability of carrying this team. He’s been doing a great job, and everyone knows that.”

Now, Peterson is ready for some R&R. Sure, he’d prefer being in the postseason, but with the Vikings eliminated, there’s nothing wrong with some time to recharge.

“I got to get away and just relax,” he said. “It feels like I’ve been on a world tour for so long since I started playing in the league. But this is what it’s all about. This is what you dream about when you were little. But it’s definitely going to feel good to get some time to relax my mind.”

Peterson is the fifth Viking to win the award, joining Paul Flatley in 1967, Chuck Foreman in 1973, Sammy White in ’76 and Randy Moss in 1998. Only Foreman was a running back; the other three were wide receivers.

Last year’s winner was Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young.

Wildcats

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Top scorers for Ukiah were Cassie Baroni with 20 points, five rebounds and four assists, Hillary Ruddick with 15 points, seven rebounds and three assists and Carrie Reid with nine points and 13 rebounds.

Also chipping in for Ukiah were Katie Dhoughe who added six points and five rebounds; Dakota Sanderson with four points and two rebounds; Jessica Graham with three points; Emily Houghton had two points, six rebounds and three assists; and Carli Montano had two points and two rebounds.

The Wildcats now move on to play Maria Carillo on the road on Friday at 6 p.m.

Golf

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week with friends at Shady Oaks in Fort Worth, Texas, didn’t touch a club for 3 1/2 weeks, then began to practice hard a week before Christmas.

Brandt Snedeker played in Japan and Australia last month, but he arrived in Hawaii feeling dizzy and weak from the flu. Boo Weekley has been in the woods with a rifle, not a 4-iron, and trying to get a house built. He figured he had a better chance of shooting an 82 than a 62, so his expectations aren’t that great.

Woody Austin has been home in Kansas suffering through cold, ice and snow, but he did thaw out enough to play with Calcavecchia in the Merrill Lynch Shootout, which they won.

It wasn’t long before Calcavecchia started doing the math.

“Some of the guys haven’t been here, and they’re probably at a slight disadvantage because there’s so much elevation change and putts that I remember over the years that are tough putts,” he said. “You figure if there’s 31 guys here, at least six or seven of them are just going to flat-out not play very good. If you play well, you’re down to 20, 22 players you’ve got to try to beat.

“It does help that Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson and Adam Scott and Pdraig aren’t here, four world-class players. So that increases everybody’s chances to win.”

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 5
Washington at Seattle, 1:30 p.m. (NBC)
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 6
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m. (FOX)
Tennessee at San Diego, 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Seattle, Tampa Bay or N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 1:30 p.m. (FOX)
Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Tennessee at New England, 5 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 13
San Diego, Pittsburgh or Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 10 a.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay, N.Y. Giants or Washington at Dallas, 1:30 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 20
NFC
TBD
AFC
TBD

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
Jacksonville, Ariz.
TBD

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 10
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC

BOWL GLANCE

Thursday, Dec. 20
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: \$750,000
Utah 35, Navy 32

Friday, Dec. 21
New Orleans Bowl
Payout: \$325,000
Florida Atlantic 44, Memphis 27

Saturday, Dec. 22
PapaJohns.com Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Payout: \$300,000
Cincinnati 31, Southern Miss. 21

New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Payout: \$750,000
New Mexico 23, Nevada 0
Las Vegas Bowl
Payout: \$1 million
BYU 17, UCLA 16

Sunday, Dec. 23
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: \$750,000
East Carolina 41, Boise State 38

Wednesday, Dec. 26
Motor City Bowl
At Detroit
Payout: \$750,000
Purdue 51, Central Michigan 48

Thursday, Dec. 27
Holiday Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: \$2.25 million
Texas 52, Arizona State 34

Friday, Dec. 28
Champs Sports Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$2.125 million
Boston College 24, Michigan State 21
Emerald Bowl
At San Francisco
Payout: ACC: \$750,000; Pac-10: \$825,000
Oregon State 21, Maryland 14
Texas Bowl
At Houston
Payout: CUSA: \$500,000; MWC: \$750,000
TCU 20, Houston 13

Saturday, Dec. 29
Meineke Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Payout: \$750,000
Wake Forest 24, Connecticut 10
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.75 million
Mississippi State 10, UCF 3
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payout: \$2.225 million
Penn State 24, Texas A&M 17

Sunday, Dec. 30
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: \$1.1 million
Alabama 30, Colorado 24

SCOREBOARD

Monday, Dec. 31
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth, Texas
Payout: \$750,000
California 42, Air Force 36
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: \$1.9 million
Oregon 56, South Florida 21
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: \$750,000
Fresno State 40, Georgia Tech 28
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.6 million
Kentucky 35, Florida State 28
Insight Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Payout: \$1.25 million
Oklahoma State 49, Indiana 33
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: \$2.9 million
Auburn 23, Clemson 20, OT

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: \$3.7 million
Tennessee 21, Wisconsin 17
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Payout: \$3 million
Missouri 38, Arkansas 7
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$4.25 million
Michigan 41, Florida 35
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: \$2.25 million
Texas Tech 31, Virginia 28
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: \$17 million
Southern California 49, Illinois 17
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: \$17 million
Georgia 41, Hawaii 10

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Payout: \$17 million
West Virginia (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (11-2), 5 p.m. (FOX)

Thursday, Jan. 3
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$17 million
Kansas (11-1) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 5 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 5
International Bowl
At Toronto
Payout: \$750,000
Rutgers (7-4) vs. Ball State (7-5), 9 a.m. (ESPN2)

Sunday, Jan. 6
GMAC Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Payout: \$750,000
Tulsa (9-4) vs. Bowling Green (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 7
BCS National Championship
Payout: \$17 million
Ohio State (11-1) vs. LSU (11-2), 8 p.m. (FOX)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	21	14	3	45	92	91
Pittsburgh	21	16	2	44	111	112
N.Y. Rangers	20	15	4	44	97	94
N.Y. Islanders	20	16	2	42	94	104
Philadelphia	19	14	4	42	115	105

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	25	10	4	54	139	110
Montreal	19	13	7	45	116	109
Boston	19	16	3	42	102	105
Buffalo	19	16	3	41	115	107
Toronto	16	16	8	40	116	127

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	20	18	3	43	126	132
Atlanta	19	20	1	39	111	132
Florida	18	18	3	39	98	106
Washington	16	19	5	37	112	125
Tampa Bay	15	21	4	34	115	134

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	29	8	3	61	141	88
St. Louis	19	14	4	42	94	96
Columbus	18	15	6	42	98	94
Chicago	19	16	3	41	114	113
Nashville	18	18	2	38	103	114

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	22	14	4	48	105	93
Minnesota	22	15	2	46	103	107
Colorado	21	15	3	45	115	112
Calgary	19	14	7	45	116	117
Edmonton	16	20	4	36	103	122

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	23	13	4	50	122	100
San Jose	22	12	5	49	100	89
Anaheim	19	17	5	43	101	112
Phoenix	18	18	1	37	94	101
Los Angeles	15	24	2	32	116	133

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 2, Buffalo 1, SO
Washington 6, Ottawa 3
Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO
Los Angeles 9, Chicago 2

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
Edmonton at St. Louis, 5:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Washington at Boston, 4 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Edmonton at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Buffalo, 4:30 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	26	3	.897	—
Toronto	17	15	.531	10 1/2
New Jersey	14	16	.467	12 1/2
Philadelphia	14	17	.452	13
New York	8	21	.276	18

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	11	.667	—
Atlanta	15	13	.536	4 1/2
Washington	15	14	.517	5
Charlotte	11	18	.379	9
Miami	8	23	.258	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	24	7	.774	—
Indiana	15	17	.469	9 1/2
Cleveland	14	17	.452	10
Chicago	15	14	.517	5
Milwaukee	11	19	.367	12 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	21	8	.724	—
Dallas	20	11	.645	2
New Orleans	20	11	.645	2
Houston	15	16	.484	7
Memphis	8	22	.267	13 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	18	12	.600	—
Portland	18	13	.581	1/2
Utah	17	16	.515	2 1/2
Seattle	9	22	.290	9 1/2
Minnesota	4	26	.133	14

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	22	9	.710	—
L.A. Lakers	19	11	.633	2 1/2
Golden State	19	13	.594	3 1/2
Sacramento	11	18	.379	10
L.A. Clippers	10	19	.345	11

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
New Jersey at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Utah, Late
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, Late
Thursday's Games
Portland at Chicago, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Houston at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at Indiana, 4 p.m.

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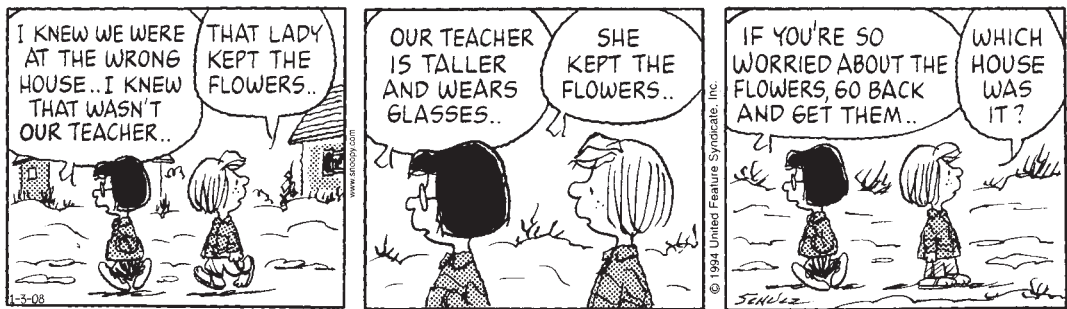
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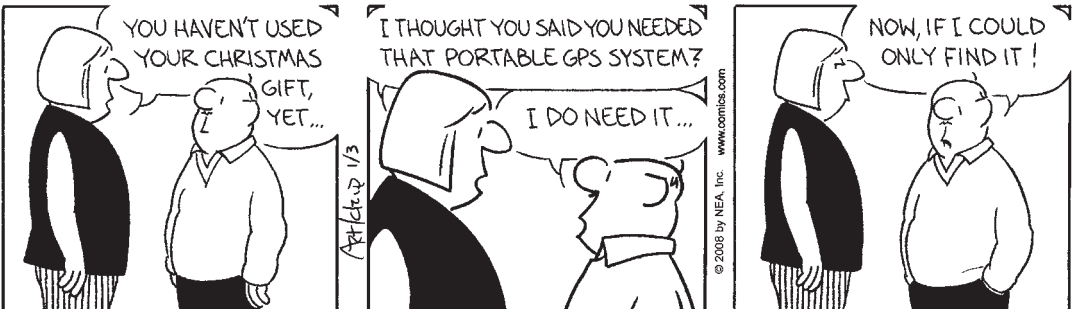
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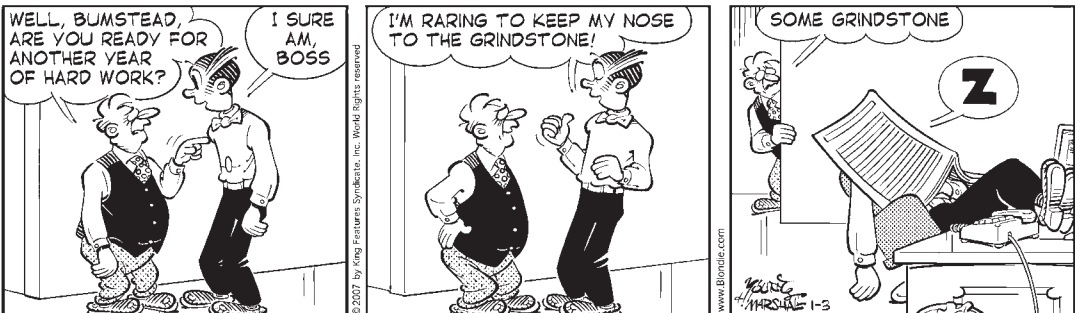
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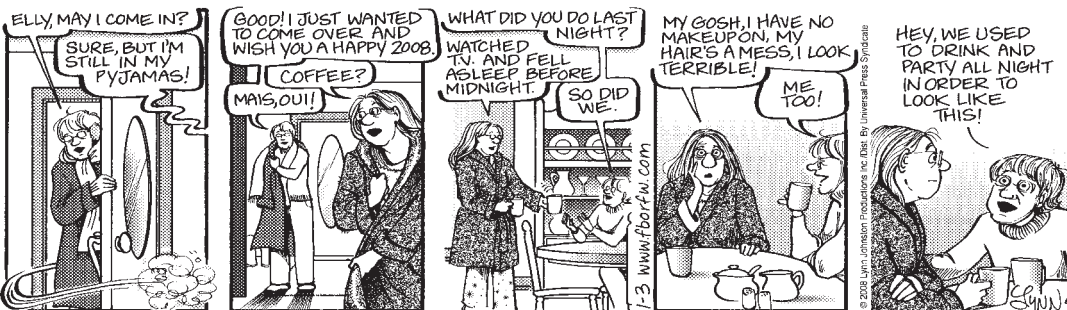
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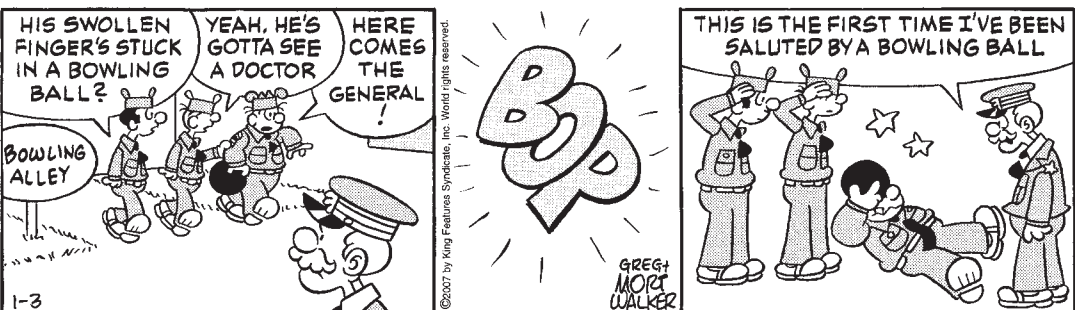
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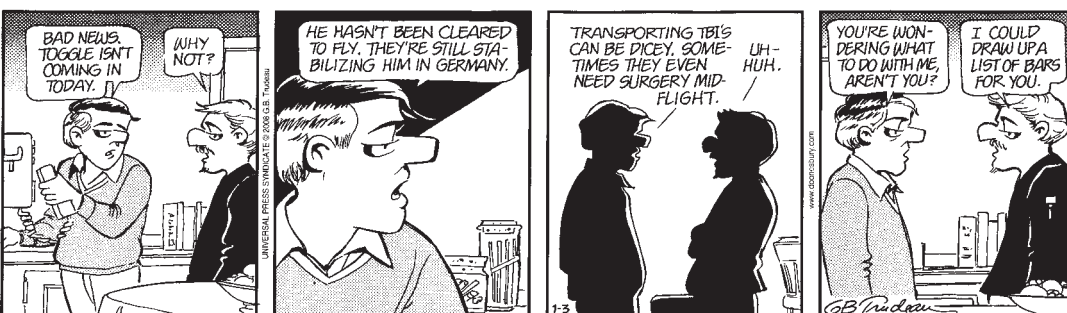
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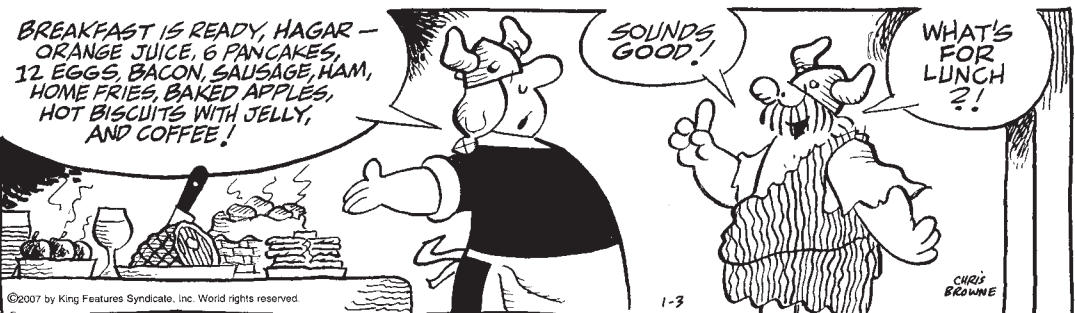
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

by Dik Browne



Datebook: Thursday, January 3, 2008

Today is the third day of 2008 and the 13th day of winter.
TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1777, Revolutionary forces under the command of George Washington defeated the British at Princeton, N.J.

In 1959, Alaska entered the union as the 49th state.
In 2004, the unmanned NASA spacecraft "Spirit" landed on Mars.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lucretia Mott (1793-1880), women's rights pioneer; J.R.R.

Tolkien (1892-1973), author; Victor Borge (1909-2000) comedian/pianist; Mel Gibson (1956-), actor, is 52; Danica McKellar (1975-), actress, is 33; Eli Manning (1981-), football player, is 27.
TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1983, Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett set an NFL record by running 99 yards from scrimmage for a touchdown.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We too often bind ourselves by authorities rather than by the truth." -- Lucretia Mott
TODAY'S FACT: In 2000, evidence that liquid water flowed on Mars was discovered, supporting the theory that life could exist on the Red Planet.
TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 31) and new moon (Jan. 8).



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 4, 2008
Many of your involvements in the year ahead will lead you to a number of substantial opportunities. You won't be able to take advantage of all them. Concentrate only on those enterprises that can be

expanded upon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Something confidential will bring benefits to you and anybody else involved. It's the right day to take care of matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Situations where you have to deal with a number of people simultaneously can work out in a happy manner. It's to your advantage to focus on the

group rather than the individual.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You have a great chance for achieving a meaningful objective. Don't put off doing anything that you can right now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- The reason you're so well equipped to handle any issue that arises at this time is because of all the positive aspects of your personality are so easily stimulated. You will act upon what you envision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Because of the pleasant manner in which you request something from

others, your associates will be favorably responsive. It pays to smile and say, "please."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You have a close companion who is a pleasant person to hang out with. If you're looking to do something fun call him/her, because your friendship is running true to form.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Something good can be expanded upon even further. It's to your benefit not to put any limitations on your possibilities. Things will materialize for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- An influential contact you've developed can be

very helpful to you. Don't hesitate to ask; s/he won't feel imposed upon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't be discouraged about an important situation where the outcome seems to be in doubt. The only thing that can stop you from being successful is putting limitations on all your possibilities.

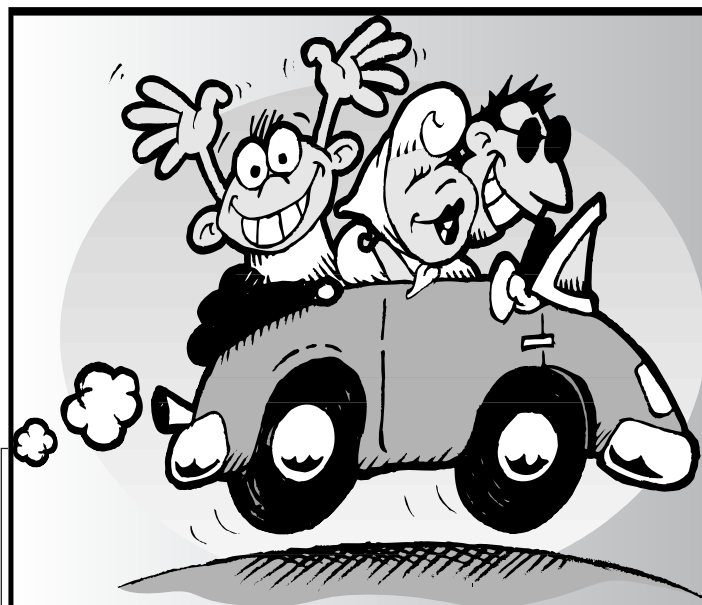
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- A number of good things are brewing for you. As each one unfolds, you will find yourself in a happy frame of mind, making you a very pleasant person to be around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Everything will work out far better for you

if you take care of financial obligations first. With them out of the way and off of your mind, you'll be ready to have a good time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Your optimistic personality makes you an extremely fortunate individual in situations you personally direct. Your happy-go-lucky personality makes others want to join your efforts.

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Puzzlers

ACROSS

1 Fred or Gracie
6 Injures
11 Paris river
12 Some notes
(hyph.)
13 Pet shop cutie
15 High waistline
16 Maxims
18 Futuristic
19 Noon, in
ancient Rome
21 Chestnut hull
22 Pass
the word
23 Barbershop
noise
25 Old pro
28 Licorice
flavoring
30 Big parrot
31 Tea-house attire
32 RV haven
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35 Generator part
37 Draw
to a close

38 Queens ballpark
40 Lacoste of tennis
41 Doctrine
42 Uninteresting
43 Garden-pond
fish
46 Chant
48 Sophisticated
50 Kind of chop
54 Sit on the
throne
55 Fruitstand item
56 Gives
medicine
57 Proofreads

DOWN

1 Try to find out
2 Luau
welcome
3 Afire
4 Involves
5 Require
6 Bottom edges
7 Roadie gear
8 Wet weather
9 Thick mud
10 Vast number

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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14 Captures
15 Hair-raising
17 Most icky
19 Rare gas
20 Old war story
22 Have an effect

24 Golf score
25 Citizen
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27 Poop out
29 Slalom run
34 Lorelei's river
36 Gave a
command
39 In a frenzy
43 Northern Iraqi
44 Two-piece
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45 Heron cousin
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49 Birthday count
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52 Small child
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THE LEARNING
CHALLENGER

by Robert Barnett

DIRECTIONS:

A. Using each "Chaos Grid" number with its letter one time, arrange the numbers with their letters for the "Order Grid" so each vertical column, horizontal row, and two diagonals each ADD to numbers inside thick lined cells.

B. Some correct numbers with their letters have been put into the "Order Grid" to get you started. Also, above the "Order Grid" is a "Decoded Message" clue.

C. After you have solved the "Order Grid" doing as direction "A" says, put the letters from horizontal rows, from left to right, under "Decoded Message" and make words to form the answer.

CHAOS GRID

-6	48	4	54
H	G	L	B
12	51	40	33
P	S	R	N
36	-3	12	51
I	U	&	I
43	15	1	9
O	A	L	A

CLUE: LANGUAGES

ORDER GRID

				100
				100
	40			100
	R			
33		12		100
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			-6	100
			H	
100	100	100	100	100

1/3/2008

DECODED MESSAGE:

ANSWERS IN NEXT EDITION

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Answers to Previous
Learning Challenger
IT ABOUTS THE RED SEA

58	12	17	43
I	T	A	B
10	50	41	29
U	T	S	T
38	22	17	53
H	E	R	E
24	46	55	5
D	S	E	A

1/2/2008

Run in papers of Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: G equals R

" B T V Y O L P B F C L C Y B T V P G V N B F R V
N G B F H B P C L H F H B H F L W N X F L M
D N J H , L C B F L Y C D D C J F L M D N J H
N D G V N I K W N I V . " - Y V G G O P P F C
A O H C L F

PREVIOUS SOLUTION -- "Better by far you should forget and smile / Than that you should remember and be sad." - Christina Rossetti

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

IRROG

YAHIR

HORBET

TESKUM

Answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KINKY KNACK GAMBIT STUCCO

Answer: What the giant wrestler was interested in when he read the menu -- CONSUMING

Husband is still emotionally involved with his mistress

Dear Annie: After 29 years in a rocky marriage, my husband had an affair with an employee that led to their living together for seven months. When he came home, he felt there was no need to discuss anything, saying it was out of his system, water under the bridge, and that I was to get over it. That was six years ago.

This was hardly my husband's first affair, but the real problem is, the woman still works for him and won't go away. For years now, I have been unsuccessfully trying to "get over" her buying him clothes and calling him at home every day and twice on weekends. They discuss everything from what's on television to projects he can help with at her house. She comes over when I am not home. When he broke his arm last year, she was his first phone call from the hospital.

My husband considers this woman his friend and insists he is just helping her out. He goes to her house to visit her friends when they

ANNIE'S MAILBOX

By Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar

are in town. He treats her like his best buddy and wants me to stay out of it. They go on out-of-town trips together, often passing through his mother's town where they stop and visit. The woman takes gifts to my mother-in-law, who likes her, even though she knows everything.

I want this woman out of our lives. At the very least, I want her to stop buying his clothes. I have asked him to refuse her gifts, but he says he tells her if she is out shopping and sees any deals, to buy them. Please give me your advice. -- Lost Wife

Dear Wife: Wake up, honey. Your husband is still having an affair -- emotionally, if not

sexually. Some women are willing to put up with cheating husbands, in which case, there's no point complaining about the clothes. However, we hope you will consider counseling -- for yourself -- to help get a better handle on the situation and make some decisions about your future.

Dear Annie: Let me start off by saying I keep a very clean house. I have a relative who comes to visit and refuses to eat here. "Aunt Alice" brings her own bottled water and tea bags, and usually declines any offer of refreshment, saying she's either eaten already or plans to stop for dinner on her way home.

During a recent family emergency, Aunt Alice stayed overnight. I bought her a loaf of her favorite bread, but she didn't touch it, saying, "I never eat bread." I also left her a bottle of the wine she always orders when she's out. She didn't open it and told me, "I don't drink that brand." That's so lame. She must think I'm an idiot.

Aunt Alice makes me feel like my house is contaminated. I wonder if she does this with other people or if I'm the only one. What

gives? -- Driving Me Crazy

Dear Driving Me Crazy: Aunt Alice may have a germ phobia and behave this way with everyone, but the only way to know is to ask her. Say, "Aunt Alice, I love you dearly, but I've noticed you won't accept any food or drink at my house. It makes me sad. Is there a problem?" If she won't open up, stop trying to figure it out and deal with her as she is. She can't help herself.

Dear Annie: Your answer to "Sleep Deprived in Oregon" was right on. She said her husband suffered from back pain, leaving her to get up every night with their 4-month-old baby.

I'd like to add one additional thought. I am a physical therapist and have been treating back patients for over 30 years. I believe if her husband has the physical ability to make babies, there is no reason he can't share in the care of that baby. -- Just My Professional Opinion in Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Professional Opinion: You aren't the only physical therapist who shares this opinion. Thanks to all who wrote.

THURSDAY EVENING											
1/3/08	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
BROADCAST CHANNELS											
(2)	(5:15) College Football FedEx Orange Bowl -- Kansas vs. Virginia Tech.						Postgame	Seinfeld	Ten O'clock News (N)	Seinfeld (N)	
(4)	News (N)	Extra (N)	Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (N)			Cel. Apprentice	(01) ER "Status Quo"	News (N)	News (N)	
(5)	News (N) (E)	Eye-Bay	Judge J.	Without a Trace (E)			CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace (E)	News (N)	News (N)	
(6)	News (N) (E)	Jeopardy!	Fortune	Ugly Betty (N) (E)			Grey's Anatomy	Desperate Housewives	News (N)	News (N)	
(6)	News-Lehrer	Old House Hr.	Road Trip	California's	California's	Globe Trekker (N) (E)	Pioneers				
(8)	Paparazzi	Alma Gemela	Pelicula: "Un Corazón Burlado" (1945, Drama)	Alma Gemela			Night Show				
(9)	News-Lehrer	Business	Bob Dylan: Live	Happiness Prescription With Deepak Chopra			Qi Gong				
(20)	Fresh Pr.	My Wife	My Wife	Jim	Law Order: CI	News	Jim	Married...	Reno 911!		
(36)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	'70s Show	TMZ (N) (E)	Cops (E)	Cops (E)	Seinfeld	'70s Show	Frasier (N)	Frasier (N)	TMZ (E)
(40)	(5:15) College Football FedEx Orange Bowl -- Kansas vs. Virginia Tech.						Postgame	Raymond	News (N) (E)	Two Men	
(44)	Lopez	Simpsons	Simpsons	Two Men	Smallville "Cure" (E)	Supernatural "Sin City"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two Men	
(50)	The Insider	Entertain	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Raymond	Raymond	Frasier (N)	Frasier (N)	The Insider	Entertain	Blind Date
CABLE CHANNELS											
A&E	Cold Case Files (E)	CSI: Miami "Addiction"	The First 48 (E)	The First 48 (E)	The First 48 (E)	Justice					
AMC	(5:00) Movie: ★★ ★★ "Rio Bravo" (1959)		Movie: ★★ ★★ "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne. (E)	"Guns-Navarone"							
COM	(5:00) "Fifty Pills" (2006)	Scrubs (N)	Scrubs (N)	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Drawn	Presents	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How-Made	How-Made	Storm Chasers (E)	Storm Chasers (E)	Storm Chasers (E)	Storm Chasers (E)	Dirty Jobs		
DISN	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	★ ★ "An Extremely Goofy Movie" G	So Raven	So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life		
ESPN	College Basketball	Gamenight	NFL Live	SportsCenter (Live) (E)	SportsCenter (Live) (E)	Football	NFL Live	SportsCtr.			
FAM	Movie: "Dr. Dolittle 3" (2006) John Amos. (E)	Movie: "Dr. Dolittle 3" (2006) John Amos. (E)	Funniest Home Videos	700 Club							
FSB	Hockey	Helmetts	Shark Byte	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at San Jose Sharks. (Live)	Final Score	Final Score	Top 50				
LIFE	Reba (E)	Reba (E)	Still Stnd	Reba (E)	Reba (E)	Movie: ★ ★ ★ "Junebug" (2005) Amy Adams.	Will-Grace				
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SCI FI	Movie: "Pterodactyl" (2005, Horror) Coolio.	Movie: "Bats: Human Harvest" (2007, Horror)	Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.							
TBS	Friends (N)	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Movie: ★ ★ "Enough" (2002) Jennifer Lopez.	Sex & City			
TNN	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	TNA IMPACT! (N) (E)	Unleashed						
TNT	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	Seattle Sonics at Phoenix Suns. (Live) (E)	Inside the NBA (E)	Law-Order					
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WGN	(5:00) "Saving Grace"	Funniest Home Videos	Scrubs (N)	Scrubs (N)	Corner Gas	Becker (N)	Funniest Home Videos	Wilkos			
PREMIUM CHANNELS											
HBO	"Man"	Extras Success is not what it seems.	Inside the NFL (N) (E)	Movie: ★ ★ ★ "Music and Lyrics" (2007) (E)	Cathouse						
MAX	Movie: ★ ★ ★ "To Die For" "R"	(:15) Movie: ★ ★ "Big Momma's House 2"	Movie: "The Professional" (1994)								
SHOW	"Mighty Aphrodite" "R"	Movie: ★ ★ ★ "Last Holiday" (2006) PG-13	The L Word (E)	The L Word (E)	"Big Le						

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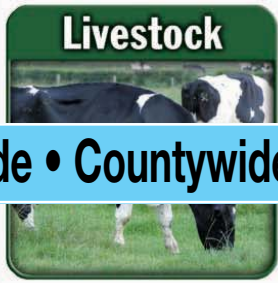
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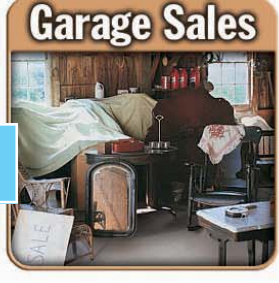
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PUBLIC NOTICE

009-08

1-3,4,5,6,7,8,9/08

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS January 3, 2007 Community Development Commission of Mendocino County 1076 N. State St. Ukiah, CA 95482 (707) 463-5462 X109

On or about January 10, 2008 the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County will authorize the County of Mendocino to submit a request to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for the release of Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Title 11 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as Holly Ranch Village house reconstruction for the purpose of demolishing 17 single family units and 1 duplex and reconstructing 15 single family two bedroom units located at 33001 through 33061 Lassen Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (EER) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County, 1076 N. State St., Ukiah, CA 95482 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project, may submit written comments to Craig Schlatter, the Certifying Officer for the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County 1076 North State Street, Ukiah, CA. 95482. All comments received by January 9, 2008 will be considered by the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Community Development Commission of Mendocino County certifies to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that Craig Schlatter, in his capacity as Community Development Manager of the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the County of Mendocino to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Community Development Commission's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County; (b) the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HCD at 1800 3rd Street, Suite 390, Sacramento, CA. 95814. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Craig Schlatter
Community Development Manager
Community Development Commission of Mendocino County

PUBLIC NOTICE

930-07

12-24,29/07,1-3,8/08

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. SCUVCVPT0750556

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, Court House, Ukiah, CA 95482
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: **Marcos Reynaldo Cantu**
THE COURT FINDS that Petitioner(s) **Angela Jones-Marston** has/have filed a Petition for Change of Applicant(s)' name
FROM **Marcos Reynaldo Cantu**
TO **Marc Rey Cantu-Marston**
THE COURT ORDERS All people interested in this matter appear before this court to show cause why this application for change of name should not be granted on:

HEARING DATE: **January 18, 2008 at time a.m. in Dept E, located at Court House, 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482**

/s/ **December 19, 2007**

Richard J. Henderson

RICHARD J. HENDERSON

Judge of the Superior Court

912-07

12-13,20,27/07,1-3/08

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD SPECIAL NOTICE OF LAWSUIT (Pursuant to Labor Code Section 3716 and Code of Civil Procedure Section 412.20)

WCAB No. SFO 479585

To: DEFENDANT, ILLEGALLY UNINSURED EMPLOYER:
AVISO: A ud le estan demandando. Le corte puede expedir una decision que le afecte sin que se le escuche a menos que ud actue pronto. Lea la siguiente informacion.
DEFENDANT: Micah Snetnik
APPLICANT(S): Paul Locza

NOTICE

1) A lawsuit, the attached Application for Adjudication of Claim, has been filed with the Workers Compensation Appeals Board against you as the named defendant by the above-named applicant(s).

You may seek the advice of an attorney in any matter connected with this lawsuit and such attorney should be consulted promptly so that your response may be filed and entered in a timely fashion.

You may also request assistance/information from an Information and Assistance Officer of the Division of Workers' Compensation (see telephone directory). 2) An Answer to the Application must be filed and served within six days of the service of the Application pursuant to Appeals Board rules; therefore, your written response must be filed with the Appeals Board promptly; a letter or phone call will not protect your interests. 3) You will be served with a Notice(s) of Hearing and must appear at all hearings or conferences. After such hearing, even absent your appearance, a decision may be made and an award of compensation benefits may issue against you. The award could result in the garnishment of your wages, taking of your money or property or other relief. If the Appeals Board makes an award against you, your house or other dwelling or other property may be taken to satisfy that award in a non-judicial sale, with no exemptions from execution. A lien may also be imposed upon your property without further hearing and before the issuance of an award.

4) You must notify the Appeals Board of the proper address for the service of official and papers and notify the Appeals Board of any changes in that address. **TAKE ACTION NOW TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS!**
Issued by: WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD
Name and Address of Appeals Board: WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD, 455 Golden Gate Ave, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102
COMPLETED BY:
Name and Address of Applicant's attorney, Representative (or Applicant if acting without Attorney/Representative): Leon R. Reich, Esq.
4300 Redwood Hwy, Suite 100, San Rafael, CA 94903 (415)472-7416

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924-07

12-27/07,1-3,10/08

Notice of Trustee's Sale

Trustee Sale No. 722191CA Loan No. 0695459107 Title Order No. M714226.

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/17/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/16/2008 at 10:00 AM California Reconveyance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 05/27/2005, Book, Page, Instrument 2005-11480, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Mendocino County, California, executed by: Omar Aguilar, an unmarried man, as Trustor, Long Beach Mortgage Company, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$297,926.88 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 487 Ford St, Ukiah, CA 95482 APN 002-134-06 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". Date: 12/26/2007 California Reconveyance Company, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com California Reconveyance Company is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Deborah Brignac, Vice President 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop N 11 06 12 Chatsworth, CA 91311 P346302 12/27, 1/3, 01/10/2008

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PUBLIC NOTICE

008-08

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2007-F0824

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:

HARMONIQUE

3151 Hwy 128

(PO Box 66)

Philo, CA 95466

Milla Handley GP

185 Holmes Ranch Rd

(PO Box 66)

Philo, CA 95466

Rex McClellan

185 Holmes Ranch Rd

(PO Box 66)

Philo, CA 95466

business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 13, 2007. Endorsed-Filed on 12/17/2007. at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.

/s/Milla Handley

MILLA HANDLEY

914-07

12-13,20,27/07,1-3/08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2007-F0807

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:

38 NORTH WINE CELLARS

12901 Old River Road

Hopland, CA 95449

FETZER VINEYARDS

12901 Old River Road (PO Box 611)

Hopland, CA 95449

This business is conducted by a Corporation. State of incorporation: California.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1992.

Endorsed-Filed on 12/12/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.

/s/Sandy O'Ferrall

SANDY O'FERRALL

COMPLIANCE

927-07

12-20,27/07,1-3,10/08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2007-F0827

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:

MENDO LOVE

192 Kuki Ln.

Ukiah, CA 95482

Dustin William Crumrine

1813 S. Dora St.

Ukiah, CA 95482

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 13, 2007. Endorsed-Filed on 12/17/2007. at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.

/s/Dustin Crumrine

DUSTIN CRUMRINE

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10 NOTICES

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30 LOST & FOUND

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Yard. He is an orange

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Animal Hospital 462-8833

Remember when there were cherry trees at Butters' Ranch? Well I thought I would go up there and take a look. Well not only was there not a cherry in sight, but I got lost. Now I am safe in the Ukiah Shelter at 298 Plant Rd. I am a 4 month old female Lab mix. If no one comes and finds me I will be available for adoption 1/5. Call Sage 467-6453

PUBLIC NOTICE

007-08

1-3,10,17,24/08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2007-F0823

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:

FOURSIGHT WINES INC./FOURSIGHT

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(PO Box 66)

Philo, CA 95466

Milla Handley GP

185 Holmes Ranch Rd

(PO Box 66)

Philo, CA 95466

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/s/Milla Handley

MILLA HANDLEY

927-07

1-3,10,17,24/08

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2007-F0823

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/s/Dustin Crumrine

DUSTIN CRUMRINE

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Hollywood	65/50/r	59/53/r	Santa Rosa	53/49/r	51/45/r
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Oil at \$100 a barrel unlikely to shake consumers

Rising prices likely to pinch over time

By JOHN WILEN
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — With oil having briefly touched the once unfathomable price of \$100 a barrel, consumers can expect the cost of filling their gas tanks, heating their homes — in fact, the price of most everything — to also keep rising.

Still, analysts don't expect record-high prices by themselves to send the economy into recession, simply because expensive as oil is, energy doesn't consume as big a chunk of Americans' budget as it did decades ago.

"So far, consumers have done an amazing job of ignoring high oil prices, not to mention falling home prices," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's.

A barrel of light, sweet crude reached triple digits for the first time Wednesday, soaring 44 percent since August and 57 percent since the end of 2006. Meanwhile, gasoline prices at the pump reached a national average of \$3.05 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. That's below their May peak of \$3.23 a gallon but likely to go higher as the spring and summer approach.

"It's just crazy, I don't know how much worse it can get," said Susan Witte, of Fairless Hills, Pa., while shopping at a suburban Philadelphia sporting goods store one recent morning.

But Chicagoan Fraz Baig was unfazed as oil approached its milestone, although rising prices are making it more expensive for him to gas up his just purchased 2008 Infiniti FX SUV.

"I'm doing well financially and

I'm single, so I'm not really worried," said Baig, who works in Internet technology solution sales for IBM Corp.

Rising energy prices were cited as a contributing factor in disappointing sales for the just-ended holiday season, along with the continuing slump in housing and an overall uneasiness about the economy. But economists say that generally, the jump in oil is less devastating than previous spikes because incomes have risen faster than energy costs.

"The percentage (of personal income spent on energy) was far higher in 1979-80 than it is now," said Kay Smith, a macroeconomist at the Energy Information Administration.

In 1981, 14 percent to 15 percent of the nation's gross domestic product was spent on energy, according to Lester Lave, professor of economics at Carnegie Mellon University's Tepper School of Business. That's fallen to 7 percent today.

In part, that's because energy efficiency has increased.

"It's just not (as) important to the economy anymore," Lave said. "Prices are not high enough so that they're going to get middle-income people to change their behavior."

Still, that could change if prices keep rising. The question is at what point do prices start to truly hurt.

Lower-income families feel the effects of price increases most dramatically. With heating oil costs expected to jump 33 percent this winter, according to the Energy Department, families who rely on heating oil will have less money to spend on other things.

Diesel prices are also at record levels, which will affect the cost of food and, indeed, any goods that are shipped. Diesel hit a record price of nearly \$3.50 a gallon at the end of November, according to AAA and



Oil reached \$100 a barrel on Wednesday for the first time. The national average for gasoline at the pump is \$3.05, and some analysts think it will rise as high as \$3.50 to \$4 a gallon next summer.

the Oil Price Information Service.

Oil's march higher is expected to have more of an impact in the months ahead. For example, the chief financial officer of United Airlines owner UAL Corp. recently said airlines would have to keep raising fares or reduce capacity to compensate for rising fuel charges. Several carriers have announced new fuel surcharges in recent weeks.

Some analysts predict gas prices could rise as high as \$3.50 to \$4 a gallon next summer. And the Energy Information Administration predicts gas prices will set a new record national average above \$3.40 a gallon this spring.

Many consumers have found ways to cope with higher energy costs.

James Ersery, of Chicago, commutes by bus to his job as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, so he's not being hit hard by higher

gasoline prices. But at home, he turns down the thermostat when he's away.

Still, he shrugged off oil's rise. "Prices have been extremely high for quite some time," he said.

Barbara Binik, a Realtor in Chicago, said that while higher prices haven't significantly altered her spending habits, a larger percentage of her disposable income is going toward gasoline, and "you feel it. It's out of whack."

She has cut back in small ways so far, such as by using a cheaper drive-through car wash instead of an automated one and eating out less. "I'm more careful about my spending."

Some analysts predict oil will continue to rise in the futures market, and if that's the case, \$100 crude might sow the seeds of its own destruction. Many analysts believe higher prices will hurt demand, eventually.

"We think it important to keep in mind that all of the economic consequences of \$100 crude are bearish, not bullish" for prices, Tim Evans, an analyst at Citigroup Inc. in New York, wrote in a recent research note.

Oil prices have risen in recent years as booming economies in China and India have grown exponentially and fed the perceptions that global crude supplies are not rising fast enough to meet demand.

Political problems and labor strife in oil-producing areas have also fed oil's upward momentum. In Nigeria, political upheaval has cut oil supplies from Africa's biggest producer by 587,000 barrels a day since the end of 2005, according to Energy Information Administration estimates. Renewed violence in Nigeria helped send crude to \$100 Wednesday.

Any news about Iran's disputes with the West and conflict between Turkish armed forces and Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq has also sent crude soaring.

However, oil has also been pushed higher by speculators, who have come to see oil as an investment play as the dollar has weakened in recent months. Crude futures offer a hedge against a falling dollar, and oil futures bought and sold in dollars are also more attractive to foreign investors when the greenback is falling.

That has some analysts concerned that shift in speculators' strategy could just as easily send oil prices tumbling.

"We are still leaving open the possibility of a major price downdraft prior to month's end," said Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch and Associates in Galena, Ill., in a Wednesday research note.

Business Writer Dave Carpenter in Chicago contributed to this report.

Briefly

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administration's pledge to boost them to roughly 1,000 per month, according to State Department statistics obtained by The Associated Press.

For the third straight month since the United States said it would improve processing and resettle 12,000 Iraqis by the end of the current budget year on Sept. 30., the number admitted has actually slid, the figures show.

The steady decline — from 450 in October to 362 in November and 245 in December — means the administration will have to allow in 10,943 Iraqis over the next nine months, or roughly 1,215 per month, to meet the target it has set for itself.

But that goal will be difficult to meet and there are few precedents for such large influxes since hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese refugees were resettled here after the Vietnam War ended in 1975.

In the past five years, with few exceptions, notably Somalia and Liberia, the United States has never been able to admit more than 1,000 refugees per month from any country, according to an AP review of statistics from the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

Prisoner who fled after breaking free from hospital dies after shootout

LAUREL, Md. (AP) — An inmate who escaped from a hospital Wednesday, briefly taking a worker hostage and stealing two getaway cars, was captured and killed by police hours later in a cemetery, authorities said.

Kelvin Poke, 45, overpowered guards at Laurel Regional Hospital and fired several shots before fleeing, authorities said. Once outside, he shot out the window of a car and drove away, dumping the driver, said Maryland State Police spokesman

Greg Shipley.

He was captured hours later about 30 miles away. Officers had tailed a suspicious vehicle — a white Ford Explorer with flat tires — into a cemetery shortly after 3 p.m. Poke got out of the vehicle and opened fire on police, who then shot back, police said.

Poke was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead, said Major Joseph McCann of Prince George's County police.

A woman who was in the vehicle with Poke was not seriously injured, and police believe she may have been a victim.

Priest, friend of casino owner, accused of perjury, alleged to have lied about mob ties

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest was arrested on perjury charges Wednesday, accused of lying about his relationship with a mobster in testimony to a grand jury investigating a casino owner's possible ties to organized crime.

The Rev. Joseph Sica was arrested outside his home in Scranton. He is an adviser to Mount Airy Casino Resort owner Louis DeNaples, who is the subject of the grand jury investigation.

Sica's arrest is the first to result from the Dauphin County grand jury probe, which is focused on whether DeNaples misled the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board when he said he had no connections to organized crime.

Sica was accused of lying to the grand jury last August about his relationship with the late Russell Bufalino, an organized crime boss who served lengthy prison terms in the 1970s and '80s, according to grand jury findings cited in court papers.

The papers said Sica falsely told the grand jury that he had met Bufalino only by chance and had no relationship with him.

Study: Even in hospitals, shock treatment delayed for cardiac arrest

NEW YORK (AP) — Just because you're in the hospital

doesn't mean you'll quickly get treated if your heart stops beating. About one-third of patients don't get a potentially life-saving shock within the recommended two minutes, a new study found.

Those who don't get prompt defibrillation are more likely to die or end up brain damaged or disabled, the study showed. For every minute of delay, the chances of survival worsens, researchers reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

"It is probably fair to say that most patients assume — unfortunately, incorrectly — that a hospital would be the best place to survive a cardiac arrest," Dr. Leslie A. Saxon, a cardiologist at the University of Southern California, wrote in an editorial in the journal.

Recent attention has focused on getting quicker treatment for heart attacks that occur outside hospitals, and adding defibrillators to public places like airports and schools. The researchers instead looked at what happens inside hospitals and how response time affects survival.

Their study found that 39 percent of those quickly treated survived to leave the hospital, compared with only 22 percent of those whose treatment was delayed past the two-minute guideline.

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